



### Bio sketch

Anita L. Jackson, MD, MPH, FACS, FAAOA is the CEO of Greater Carolina Ear, Nose, & Throat PA and Carolina Family & Urgent Care Center. As CEO she is responsible for the administrative and clinical services management of both practices, which serve North Carolina's poorest citizens. Dr. Jackson's expertise in serving vulnerable populations in North Carolina resulted in her becoming one of the original 18 Commissioners of the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission. She served as Health Disparities Task Force Chair for 10 years, the entire life of the Commission. Under her leadership the Health Disparities Task Force had several nationally recognized projects including a Community Telehealth Hypertension and Diabetes Management Project in Chowan County, North Carolina.

As a Commissioner of the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, Dr. Jackson also became an expert and an advocate of expanding physician assistant education. Although Dr. Jackson's efforts with the Health Disparities Task Force were never able to help a Historically Black College and University in North Carolina to develop the first HBCU graduate Physician Assistant program in the country her efforts did not go unnoticed. She became a Consultant for Nobel Laureate Mohammed Yunus and Grameen Healthcare on Physician Assistant Education for Vulnerable Populations and traveled to Bangladesh with a host of other Global Health experts for a special meeting on expanding health in rural Bangladesh. While serving as a Task Force Chair under the 111<sup>th</sup> National Medical Association (NMA) President in 2010-2011, Dr. Jackson was responsible for the first MOU between the NMA and the American Academy of Physician Assistants and then forged an introductory working meeting between the NMA, the Health Resources Services Administration Bureau of Primary Care and the Physician Assistant Education Association.

Anita earned her bachelor's degree at Princeton University and a Master's in Science with a neurobiology concentration at Stanford University. She completed her medical degree at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, where there she earned a national award from both the Secretary of HHS for a Community Outreach Hypertension Awareness Project (Operation Sunday School) and an award from the National Health Service Corps for a 10 million dollar grant in developing the National Minority Mentor Recruitment Network, a minority medical student mentor matching project which the NMA hosted for 10 years. After medical school Dr. Jackson did her General Surgery residency with Dr. LaSalle Leffall and his team at Howard University. She completed an MPH at Harvard School of Public Health before entering her Otolaryngology residency at University of Tennessee Memphis. At Harvard Dr. Jackson won both the highest Public Health Student honor and the Albert Schweitzer Award. She started the Harvard Journal of Minority Public Health during her short tenure there. Once she completed her Otolaryngology residency at University of Tennessee she was the first African American female to complete a surgery residency there, she started Greater Carolina Ear, Nose, & Throat in Lumberton, NC and became the first African American female otolaryngologist serving in the state of North Carolina. Dr. Jackson is a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the Otolaryngology Scientific Section for the National Medical Association.

Dr. Jackson's commitment to expanding well-trained providers for vulnerable populations continues to be her passion. It led her to secure a meeting with Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Secretary Jonathon Woodson and a 9-member group who were also experts in this area. In follow up to these efforts she currently served as a Consultant to both the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) and to Morehouse School of Medicine who are working together to improve the diversity and cultural competency of physician assistant educators and the future graduates they are training to serve all of America. Dr. Jackson is helping Morehouse School of Medicine with PAEA to develop the Center for PA Diversity, Cultural Competency and Inter-Professional Practice Education a Center which will create satellite PA programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities in order to designate PA training seats for veterans, minority and disadvantaged candidates. She is the 2014 recipient of the James P Lovell Advocacy Award from the International Hearing Society where she created for them Operation Veterans Hear to Work a direct apprenticeship program for veterans to become licensed hearing health specialists which is included in a pilot VA-Mil Con Bill passed in the 2014 US Congress and signed by President Obama in the 2014 and 2015 Omnibus Bill.

Dr. Jackson was selected at the first African American Interim Director of the Bio Manufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) for North Carolina Central University. During Dr. Jackson's 19 month tenure she increased the BRITE student graduation placement to 99% consistently for 3 semesters, she developed the FDA Shark Tank an Industry and Student Case Challenge Discussion with the FDA as well as a several STEM Innovation initiatives. ***During her tenure in 2016 BRITE was recognized for the first time as the Best HBCU Program in STEM nationally.*** She is the founder and Chair of Alliance for Innovative Solutions Foundation that brings innovative educational and entrepreneurial opportunities to disadvantaged communities. Currently Dr. Jackson is the Development Strategist for the UNC Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, helping to increase endowed support for their faculty and develop a robust Scientific Foundation Advisory Board.