

## **JOHN M. FLACK, MD, MPH**



John M. Flack, MD, MPH is the Chairman and Chief Quality Officer in the Department of Internal Medicine, Director of the Translational Research and Clinical Epidemiology (TRaCE) Division, Principal Investigator for the Wayne State University Center for Urban and African American Health and is a Specialist in Clinical Hypertension. Dr. Flack also holds an appointment in the Department of Community Medicine at Wayne State University (WSU). He is the former Associate Chairman for Academic Affairs in the Department of Internal Medicine and former Vice President of the medical staff at Vencor Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Before joining the faculty at WSU, Dr. Flack served as Associate Professor of Surgery, Medicine and Public Health Sciences at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he was Associate Director of the Hypertension Center and Head of Clinic Hypertension. His research interest includes clinical trial design, implementation, and monitoring hypertension in African-Americans and utilization of software-based approaches to support optimal clinical decision making. He previously served as the Principal Investigator of the Data Coordinating Center for the Calcium Antagonists in Blacks (CAB) Trial. The ATIME clinical trial the treatment of mild hypertension study, and the coronary artery risk development in young adults study [CARDIA] the latter two studies at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Flack received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Langston University in 1978 and spent the ensuing 10 years at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he attended medical school (1978-1982), completed an internal medicine residency (1982-1985), and chief medical residency (1985-1992). He served 2 ½ years as Section Chief of General and Preventive Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota (1992-1994) until he moved to his position at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

The author of more than 125 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters, Dr. Flack was selected as one of the “Best Doctors in America” in 1998, 2002, 2003 and 2005 by Woodward/White, Inc. Awarded Pillar of Excellence for Reducing Health Disparities from the Michigan Peer Review Organization in 2005. Dr. Flack was selected as a Health Care Hero by Crain’ Detroit Business in August 2005, for leading multidisciplinary and cutting edge research into root causes of obesity and lifestyle related diseases that lead to excessive disease burdens in African Americans. Dr. Flack received the Distinguished Research Award in 1993 from the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks. He serves on several national advisory boards, including the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB) board where he served as Vice President from January 1998 through 2001, and President of ISHIB from 2002 through 2004. Dr. Flack is a manuscript reviewer for several prominent medical journals including the ABC Digest on Urban Cardiology, American Geriatric Society, Behavioral Medicine, Circulation, Ethnicity and Disease, Hypertension, JAMA, Lab and Clinical Medicine and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Flack previously was a special consultant to the metabolic and endocrinologic drug products FDA advisory committee. He is currently a member of the FDA Cardiorenal Advisory Committee. Dr. Flack was the recipient of the 1998 Daniel J. Savage Distinguished Research Award from the Association of Black Cardiologists. In addition, he is a member of the Health Care Quality Effectiveness Research study section at the Agency for Health Care Policy Research.

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