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Dr. Norris attended Cornell University from 1973-1976. He earned his M.D. from Howard University School of Medicine in Washington D.C, where he was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha. His postgraduate training included an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Howard University Hospital, and fellowships in Nephrology at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine and Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology and is certified specialist in Clinical Hypertension by the American Society of Hypertension. Currently, he is a doctoral candidate in metaphysics, spirituality, and holistic health at the College of Metaphysical Studies and New Age Ministries in Clearwater, Florida.

Dr. Norris has consistently been named one of the “America’s Leading Doctors” by Black Enterprise Magazine and/or Consumers’ Research Council of America since 2005. He is the Principal Investigator of four NIH grants including a Health Disparities Center and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Transitional Research Network (RTRN). RTRN supports multi-site clinical and translational research among 18 minority serving health professional universities and other collaborating institutions throughout the nation. His research interests focuses on the prevention and early treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and hypertension, with an emphasis on improving outcomes for minorities. Other areas of interest include the role of Vitamin D, the role of oxidative stress in health disparities and enhancing the role of community in the creation of true community-academic partnerships.

Dr. Norris has received numerous awards and honors including induction into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (Science) in 2003 for his work in hypertension and kidney disease. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and textbook chapters, and is the editor of the international journal Ethnicity and Disease.