



## DANIEL W. JONES, M.D.



Daniel W. Jones, M.D. is vice chancellor for health affairs, dean of the School of Medicine and Herbert G. Langford Professor of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in Jackson. He serves as the institution's chief executive officer overseeing five schools and the health system.

A native Mississippian, he graduated from Mississippi College in 1971 and earned his MD and completed residency training at UMMC. He was in private practice in Laurel, Mississippi from 1978 until he went to Korea in 1985 as a medical missionary to serve as director of the community health department and hypertension clinic at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan. In 1992, he returned to the University of Mississippi Medical Center as assistant professor of medicine and director of clinical hypertension.

For most of his career, his patient care, teaching and research activities have focused on hypertension and prevention of cardiovascular disease. He was the first principal investigator for the Medical Center's participation in the landmark Jackson Heart Study, an NIH sponsored population study focused on cardiovascular disease in African Americans.

A fellow of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Jones is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is designated as a specialist in clinical hypertension by the American Society of Hypertension Specialists. He has been named one of the "Best Doctors in America" since 1996. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha national honor medical society.

Active in the American Heart Association (AHA), Dr. Jones was the 2007-2008 national president. He also serves on the National Board of Directors. Previously he has chaired the strategic planning task force and the association's International Committee. He is also a member of AHA's Council for High Blood Pressure Research, and serves the association as a national spokesperson on high blood pressure.

Dr. Jones is also consulting editor for the AHA's journal *Hypertension* and serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*, and serves as a reviewer for numerous other professional publications.

Dr. Jones is a member of the board of directors of the American Society of Hypertension Specialists, Inc. He also serves as a board member of Mississippi College in Clinton; Mission Mississippi, a faith based racial reconciliation organization; and Global Resource Services, a non-governmental organization providing professional consultation to East Asian nations including North Korea.

He and his wife, Lydia, live in Hazlehurst and are the parents of two children.