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Dr. Akinlolu Ojo

UA Health Sciences Appoints Noted Health Leader Dr. Akinlolu O. Ojo as Associate Vice President for Clinical Research and Global Health Initiatives

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Akinlolu O. Ojo, MD, MPH, PhD, MBA, an international leader in chronic kidney disease and kidney transplantation research and clinical care with a focus on health disparities and an expert in global health research, has been appointed associate vice president for clinical research and global health initiatives at the University of Arizona Health Sciences.

Dr. Ojo, who joined UAHS Jan. 18, also will serve as professor of medicine in the [UA College of Medicine – Tucson](#) with a joint appointment as professor of health promotion sciences in the [UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health](#).

“I am extremely pleased to have Dr. Ojo, who brings extensive experience in the development and management of multicenter clinical trials, join the UA Health Sciences,” said **Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD**, UA senior vice president for health sciences and the Dr. Merlin K. DuVal Professor of Medicine. “He will lead our efforts to further develop clinical research programs focused on health outcomes, mechanisms of human disease, therapeutic interventions and the development of new health-care technologies. Dr. Ojo also will be instrumental in driving patient-oriented research and clinical trial collaborations across the UA Health Sciences in Tucson and the Phoenix Biomedical Campus,” Dr. Garcia added.

“The opportunities for clinical research and global health programs at the University of Arizona are vast and unmatched by most other academic health systems in the country with respect to the racial/ethnic and geographic diversity and profound cultural richness of the population we serve. I am delighted and privileged to be joining a first-class team of research scientists, outstanding clinicians and exceptional staff that already is in place at the UA Health Sciences,” said Dr. Ojo.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Ojo was professor of medicine and the Florence E. Bingham Research Professor in Nephrology at the University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also was director of clinical and translational research in the Comprehensive Kidney Center, and director of the Department of Medicine Global Health Research and Training Programs. In addition, he was an attending physician with the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Ojo's research and clinical interests include chronic kidney disease and kidney transplantation and their complications, including cardiovascular disease; pharmacotherapy of hypertensive and diabetic renal disease; minority health and health disparities; global health (non-communicable diseases in low-resource settings); and global health capacity development. He has a particular clinical interest in chronic kidney disease in African Americans and blacks in developing nations.

Dr. Ojo maintains an active clinical and translational research program with substantial funding from the National Institutes of Health. Currently, he is the principal investigator on five studies with grant funding totaling more than \$25 million and has received more than \$70 in extramural funding at the University of Michigan. He has extensive experience in the development of patient-oriented clinical research networks and multicenter clinical trials, and has served on multiple clinical trial Data Safety Monitoring Boards and NIH study sections.

Dr. Ojo received his undergraduate degree and medical education from the University of Lagos, Nigeria. He earned his Master of Public Health degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he then pursued post-doctoral fellowships in both public health sciences and public health. After an internship and a residency in internal medicine at the University of Kentucky Hospitals in Lexington, where he was chief resident, he completed a clinical fellowship in nephrology at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, where he also completed a research fellowship in nephrology while pursuing a doctorate in epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Dr. Ojo is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI), the Association of American Physicians (AAP) and the American Clinical and Climatological Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP). His professional memberships include the American College of Physicians, American Society of Hypertension, American Society of Nephrology, American Society of Public Health, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, American Society of Transplantation, International Society of Nephrology and The Transplantation Society.

He has authored or co-authored more than 170 peer-reviewed manuscripts, as well as numerous abstracts and book chapters. He serves as a reviewer for numerous professional journals and currently serves on the editorial board of *Reviews on Clinical Transplantation*. He also has served on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Kidney Disease*, *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, and *Clinical Nephrology*.

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