

## National Medical Association

The Nation's Leading Journal on Minority Health

JNMA Editorial Office: 1012 Tenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20001 ♦ EditorJNMA@nmanet.org ♦ 202-347-1895 ♦ 800-NMA-0554 ♦ <http://www.NMAnet.org>  
(for members only)

He who planteth an oak tree looks forward to future ages and plants for posterity; nothing can be less selfish than this. In 1895, a little oak scion was planted in Atlanta. Since that time we have been engaged in nurturing it till it has grown to a good husky sturdy tree. This sacred trust was for our posterity and to their care and keeping we commend the future of this National Medical Association.

—Dr. John A. Kenney, 1933

## EDITORIAL STAFF

**Editor-in-Chief:** Eddie L. Hoover, MD, VAMC/SUNY, Buffalo, NY  
**Editor Emeriti:** A. Paul Kelly, MD, Los Angeles, CA: 1997–2004  
 Calvin Sampson, MD, Washington, DC: 1977–1997  
 W. Montague Cobb, MD, Washington, DC: 1947–1977  
 John A. Kenney Sr., MD, Tuskegee, AL and Newark, NJ: 1917–1947  
 C.V. Roman, MD, Nashville, TN: 1908–1916

**Publication Coordinator, Subscriptions:** Angelique Speight, Washington, DC  
**Classified, Pharmaceutical and Nonpharmaceutical Ads:** Suzie Kujawski, Network Publications Inc., Hunt Valley, MD  
**Graphic Design/Proofreading:** Gratzter Graphics LLC, Adamstown, MD  
**Editor-in-Chief Assistant:** Sandy Haynes, Buffalo, NY  
**Printer:** Kathy MacDonald, Cummings, Hooksett, NH  
**Director of External Affairs:** Alisa Mosley, Washington, DC  
**Continuing Medical Education Director:** William Matory, MD, Washington, DC

## EDITORIAL BOARD

**Art in Medicine/InfoPOEMs Editor:** Gregory E. Gilbert, MSPH, Faculty Research Associate, Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Epidemiology, College of Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Amy Wahlquist, Associate InfoPOEMs Editor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC  
 Frederick D. Cason, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH  
 LaVera Crawley, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Bioethics, Department of Pediatrics, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA  
 Hazel D. Dean, ScD, MPH, Associate Director for Health Disparities, National Center for HIV, STS & TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta, GA  
 Michael K. Lindsay, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA  
 John Merritt, MD, Ophthalmology, Clinton, NC  
 Keith Norris, MD, Assistant Dean for Research, Professor of Internal Medicine, Charles R. Drew University, School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA  
 Rubens J. Pamies, MD, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dean for Graduate Studies, Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

Barbara Nabrit-Stephens, MD, MBA, Medical Director for Care Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Tampa, FL  
 Todd L. Savitt, PhD, Professor, Department of Medical Humanities, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
 Carolyn M. Tucker, PhD, Distinguished Alumni Professor of Psychology, Pediatrics & Family Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
 Karol Watson, MD, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiology, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA  
 Byron Kennedy, MD, PhD, MPH, Editorial Board Fellow, Claude H. Organ, Jr. Fellow in Medical Editing—JNMA Research Fellow in Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
**Statisticians:** Gregory E. Gilbert, MSPH, Statistics Editor, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Rebecca McNeil, PhD, Associate Editor for Quantitative Statistics, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; Renee N. Jefferson, PhD, Associate Editor for Qualitative Statistics, The Citadel, Charleston, SC  
**Calendar Editor:** Theresa Greene Reed, MD, MPH, Medical Officer (Retired), U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Washington, DC  
**Art Covers Editor:** Wilma J. Wooten, MD, MPH, San Diego, CA  
**Cobb Institute Representative:** Randall C. Morgan Jr., MD, MBA, Sarasota, FL

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES &amp; OFFICERS 2008–2009

## OFFICERS

**President:** Carolyn Barley Britton, MD, MS, New York, NY  
**Chair:** Niva Lubin-Johnson, MD, Chicago, IL  
**President-Elect:** Willarda V. Edwards, MD, MBA, Baltimore, MD  
**Immediate Past President:** Nelson L. Adams III, MD, Miami Shores, FL  
**Secretary:** Wilma J. Wooten, MD, MPH, San Diego, CA  
**Treasurer:** Valentine J. Burroughs, MD, MBA, New York, NY  
**Speaker, House of Delegates:** Cedric M. Bright, MD, Durham, NC  
**Vice Speaker, House of Delegates:** Rahn K. Bailey, MD, FAPA, Nashville, TN  
**Secretary, House of Delegates:** Kevin McKinney, MD, Galveston, TX  
**CAFA Chair:** vacant  
**Executive Director:** Mohammad N. Akhter, MD, MPH, Washington, DC

## TRUSTEES

**Region I:** Rachel Villanueva, MD, New York, NY; Tory Westbrook, MD, East Hampton, CT  
**Region II:** Sadye B. Curry, MD, Washington, DC; Walter Wrenn, III, MD, Philadelphia, PA  
**Region III:** Eleanor Greene, MD, Highpoint, NC; Joseph L. Webster Sr., MD, Tallahassee, FL  
**Region IV:** George W. Barnett Jr., MD, Columbus, OH; Niva Lubin-Johnson, MD, Chicago, IL  
**Region V:** Gary J. Sheppard, MD, Houston, TX; Ingrid Taylor, MD, St. Louis, MO  
**Region VI:** Nathan C. Allen, MD, Sacramento, CA; Wilma J. Wooten, MD, MPH, San Diego, CA  
**Corporate Trustee:** Mark J. Wade, MD, Saddle River, NJ  
**Post Graduate Physician Trustee:** Spencer Nabors, MD, New York, NY  
**Student Trustee:** Lisa Green, Baltimore, MD

## REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS

**Region I:** Garfield Clunie, MD, New York, NY  
**Region II:** Sandra McGruder Jackson, MD, Philadelphia, PA

**Region III:** Barry-Lewis Harris II, MD, Biloxi, MS  
**Region IV:** Deirdre Holloway, MD, Pontiac, MI  
**Region V:** James D. Patterson, MD, Monroe, LA  
**Region VI:** Arthur W. Fleming, MD, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

## SECTION CHAIRS

**Aerospace & Military Medicine:** Minela Fernandez, MD, Honolulu, HI  
**Allergy, Immunology & Asthma:** Kelvin Jerome Holloway, MD, Lithonia, GA  
**Anesthesiology:** Bryant A. Murphy, MD, Fayetteville, NC  
**Basic Science:** Philip Roane, MD, Washington, DC  
**Community Medicine & Public Health:** Averette Mhoon Parker, MD, Washington, DC  
**Dermatology:** Norvell Van Coots, MD, MSS, COL, MC, Commander, Rockville, MD  
**Emergency Medicine:** Cynthia Price, MD, Hartford, CT  
**Family Medicine:** Michelle Nichols, MD, MS, McDonough, GA  
**Internal Medicine:** M. Keith Rawlings, MD, Dallas, TX  
**Medical Administrators:** Sharon L. Marable, MD, MPH, Sharon, MA  
**Neurology-Neurosurgery:** Langston Holly, MD, Los Angeles, CA  
**Obstetrics & Gynecology:** Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, Nashville, TN

**Orthopedic Surgery:** Charles L. Nelson, MD, Philadelphia, PA  
**Ophthalmology:** Clifton Peay, MD, Mechanicsville, VA  
**Otolaryngology:** H. Steven Sims, MD, Chicago, IL  
**Pathology:** Billy Ballard, DDS, MD, Nashville, TN  
**Pediatrics:** Karen Breach-Washington, MD, Charlotte, NC  
**Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation:** Toni A. Willis, MD, Southlake, TX  
**Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery:** Mark A. Grevious, MD, Chicago, IL  
**Postgraduate Physician:** Spencer Nabors, MD, Brooklyn, NY  
**Psychiatry & the Behavioral Sciences:** Diane Buckingham, MD, Overland Park, KS  
**Radiology:** Johnson Lightfoote, MD, Pomona, CA  
**General Surgery:** Kimberly Joseph, MD, Chicago, IL  
**Urology:** Chiledum A. Ahaghotu, MD, Washington, DC  
**Women's Health:** vacant

The *Journal of the National Medical Association* (ISSN 0027-9684, Canadian BN #12978 0466 RT) is published monthly by the National Medical Association, 1012 Tenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. Periodicals are postage paid at Washington, DC and additional mailing offices. Postmaster, send address changes to *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 1012 Tenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Copyright ©2008 by the National Medical Association. Material printed in the *Journal of the National Medical Association* is covered by copyright. All rights reserved. As provided by U.S. copyright law, no part of this publication may be reproduced, displayed or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying or by any information storage or retrieval system, without the prior written permission by the National Medical Association (via the Copyright Clearance Center at [www.copyright.com](http://www.copyright.com)).