

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Hollis Underwood

PERSON

Underwood, Hollis C., 1957-

**Alternative Names:** Underwood, Hollis Crowe, 1957-

**Life Dates:** October 29, 1957-

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois

**Residence:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Occupations:** Internal Medicine Physician

## Biographical Note

Internal medicine physician Dr. Hollis Jonetta Crowe Underwood was born on October 29, 1957 in Chicago, Illinois to Robert Arthur and Janetta Martha Crowe. Underwood graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1975. She attended the University of Maryland as a zoology major. Underwood then completed her M.D. degree at Howard University School of Medicine and did her post graduate residency training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota.

In 1987, Underwood worked in the National Health Service Corps at Frederiksted Health Center in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. While there, Underwood co-chaired the 1989 Peer Review Committee at the Virgin Islands Medical Institute in Christiansted, Virgin Islands. Underwood then began working as the Medical Director and Acting Project Director for Frederiksted Health Center and as the District Health Officer at the Charles Harwood Memorial Hospital in Christiansted until 1990.

In 1990, Underwood was hired as the Lead Internist and Director of Hypertension & Lipid Clinic at the Ohio Permanente Medical Group in Parma, Ohio, before working as an intermediate Lipid Specialist for the American Heart Association at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1994, Underwood became a consultant for the Department of Community Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she worked until 2000.

In 1997, Underwood acted as a consultant on a sixteen member multi-disciplinary medical team that traveled to Dakar, Senegal to provide cardiovascular medical

care for the community. The venture, Project MEDHELP, led by Albert F. Olivier, consisted of cardiothoracic and general surgeons, anesthesiologists, cardiologists, internists, public health experts, dermatologists and gynecologists.

In February 2000, Underwood became President of Sonoran Health Specialists, Inc., working alongside her husband Dr. Paul L. Underwood, Jr., in Scottsdale, Arizona. Underwood served on several boards and organizations including the Center for Women's Health, Vibetree Foundation and Planned Parenthood. She is also active in several organizations including the Links, Inc., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Dr. Hollis Jonetta Crowe Underwood resides in Phenoix, Arizona with her family.

Dr. Hollis Jonetta Crowe Underwood was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 14, 2007.

## Related Entries

**Underwood, Jr., Paul L.** [SPOUSEOF]  
Husband

**Crowe Jr, Robert Arthur** [CHILDOF]  
Father

**Everet Crowe, Janetta Martha** [CHILDOF]  
Mother

**Graves, Margarite Everet** [GRANDCHILDOF]  
Grandmother (M)

**Crowe Sr. , Robert** [GRANDCHILDOF]  
Grandfather (P)

**Crowe, Flora Bird** [GRANDCHILDOF]  
Grandmother (P)

**Crowe, Terrance** [SIBLINGOF]  
Brother

**Crowe, Richard** [SIBLINGOF]  
Brother

**Underwood III, Paul L.** [PARENTOF]  
Son

**Underwood, Ian R.** [PARENTOF]  
Son

**Underwood, Neal M.E.** [PARENTOF]  
Son

**Cass Technical High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 06-1975]

**University of Maryland** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 05-1979]

**B.S.**

**Howard University School of Medicine** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to 05-1983]

**M.D.**

**Sonoran Health Specialists, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 02-2000 to ?]

**President**

**Frederiksted Health Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 04-1988 to 07-1989]

**Medical Director/Acting Project Director**

**Frederiksted Health Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 07-1987 to 07-1989]

**National Health Service Corps**

**Charlest Harwood Memorial Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 08-1989 to 06-1990]

**District Health Officer**

**Ohio Permanete Medical Group** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 08-1990 to 04-1994]

**Lead Internist/Director of Hypertension and Lipid Clinic**

**Department of Community Internal Medicine-Mayo Clinic Scottsdale**  
[EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 09-1994 to 01-2000]

**Consultant**

**National Medical Association** [MEMBEROF]

**American Medical Association** [MEMBEROF]

**American Heart Association** [MEMBEROF]

**Association of Black Cardiologists** [MEMBEROF]

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** [MEMBEROF]

**National Urban Leage** [MEMBEROF]

**Links, Inc** [MEMBEROF]

**Jack and Jill of America, Inc** [MEMBEROF]