

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Janice Hutchinson

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## Hutchinson, Janice

**Alternative Names:** Dr. Janice Hutchinson; Dr. Janice G. Hutchinson

**Life Dates:** September 22, 1947-

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Residence:** Bethesda, MD

**Occupations:** Pediatrician; Psychiatrist;

### Biographical Note

Pediatrician and child psychiatrist Dr. Janice Gertrude Hutchinson was born on September 22, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois to Dorothy and James Hutchinson. She and her twin brother Jamal J. Hutchinson began their education at the Catholic school, Holy Name of Mary. They then attended Morgan Park High School, graduating in 1965. Hutchinson enrolled at Stanford University, where she took pre-medical courses but majored in sociology. After receiving her B.A. degree in 1969, she attended the University of Cincinnati Medical School, earning her M.D. degree in 1973. During her final year of medical school, she worked at the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Montefiore and Rush University Medical Centers before returning to school to earn her M.P.H. degree from the University of Illinois.

In the early 1980s, Hutchinson joined the Rush University Medical School as adjunct faculty. Disinterested in private practice, she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps before taking a leave of absence to work in a refugee camp outside of Bangkok, Thailand. When she returned to the United States, she completed a child and adolescent fellowship at the Institute for Juvenile Research (IJR) at the University of Illinois. At the same time, she served as a public health doctor at the American Medical Association (AMA) where she worked on issues of teen pregnancy and child abuse. When the HIV antibody was identified in 1982, she was concerned about the devastating effect of the disease on children and helped to organize the AMA's first major HIV conference in the mid-1980s.

After Hutchinson completed her residency in adult psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati and at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C. , she was selected as the medical director and administrator for Children's Mental Health Services in Washington

D.C.'s Department of Mental Health. Hutchinson currently works at Howard University where she is an associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics and the residency training director in psychiatry for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Board certified in pediatrics, adult and child psychiatry, Hutchinson has taught and written about child abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, children's impulsivity and aggression, incarcerated juveniles and mental illness, the use of antidepressants with children and youth suicide. In 2005, she received the American Psychiatric Association's Irma Bland Excellence in Teaching Award. Hutchinson co-authored *Losing Control: Loving a Black Child with Bipolar Disorder* with Cassandra Joubert and Linda Thompson Adams in 2007. Hutchinson is a member at large of the Washington Psychiatric Society.

Dr. Janice Hutchinson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 26, 2008.

## Related Entries

**University of Illinois at Chicago** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.P.H.**

**Holy Name of Mary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Morgan Park High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Stanford University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**University of Cincinnati** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.D.**

**Rush University Medical Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Adjunct Faculty**

**United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Physician**

**American Medical Association (AMA)** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Public Health Physician**

**District of Columbia Department of Mental Health** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Director for Children's Mental Health Services**

**Howard University Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Associate Professor**

**Washington Psychiatric Society (Washington, D.C.)** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member at Large**