2012 Ethnic Minority Visiting Scholar Lecture Series
Presents:
A Community-Based Approach to Address Breast Cancer Disparities

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About the Speaker
When Donna Thompson joined Access Community Health Network (ACCESS) as Chief Operating Officer in 1995, she was well familiar with the difficulties patients faced because they lacked access to primary and preventive care. For more than 30 years, Ms. Thompson has been on the front-line of patient care delivery. Now CEO of ACCESS, a post held since 2004, Ms. Thompson demonstrates daily how a focused commitment to high quality community health care can save lives, revitalize communities, and preserve the possibility of a healthy life for hundreds of thousands of patients of all ages and backgrounds.

Spearheading Growth and Quality at ACCESS
By mission, ACCESS provides high quality, comprehensive community-based health care in communities that might otherwise lack these resources. In her seven years as CEO, Ms. Thompson has led ACCESS to become one of the largest federally qualified health care (FQHC) organizations in the country. ACCESS serves more than 200,000 patients annually, 60,000 of whom are uninsured, in 50 health center locations across the greater Chicago area including suburban Cook and DuPage Counties. In FY 2012 with a $116 million budget and 300 medical providers, ACCESS is projected to provide its patients with over 625,000 medical visits and deliver close to 3,200 babies.

Under Ms. Thompson's leadership, ACCESS has developed a model of health care that helps patients navigate the gap between community based care and other resources, both those in hospitals and in other community agencies. ACCESS providers offer more than 20 specialty care services. ACCESS operates four school-based health centers; five ACCESS centers are co-located with other organizations such as the Illinois Eye Institute, the Anixter Center and the DuPage County Health Department to better address patient concerns comprehensively. ACCESS has been continuously accredited by the Joint Commission since 2000, and was recognized by the United Way.

Other Acknowledgements
Ms. Thompson was named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow in 2003. She received the 2007 Chicago Athena Award for her leadership in developing community health and was recognized as one of Chicago United's 2007 Business Leaders of Color. In 2008, Ms. Thompson received the Chicago National Organization for Women's 2008 Outstanding Community Leader Award. Ms. Thompson serves on Boards of Directors of the Illinois College of Optometry and The Chicago Network. She is a 2010 graduate of the Kellogg School of Management's CEO Perspectives program.

Lecture Series
The Ethnic Minority Visiting Scholar Lecture Series was established at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing in 2000 to highlight research and other contributions of ethnic minority nurse scholars. The lecture brings outstanding specialists, educators, clinical researchers and directors to Chapel Hill to promote the exchange of ideas related to timely nursing matters affecting ethnic and minority populations.

Community Presentation
Date: Monday, February 20, 2012
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Place: Fox Auditorium
School of Nursing
Carrington Hall
Reception to follow
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