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Dr. Greer is Professor of Medicine; Founding Chair of Humanities, Health, and Society; and Associate Dean for Community Engagement at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (FIU HWCOM) in Miami, Florida. Throughout his career, Dr. Greer has been an advocate for health equity by engaging communities to create effective health and social policies and accessible health systems. His advocacy began during medical training when Dr. Greer established Camillus Health Concern, Inc. and Saint John Bosco, health centers for underserved populations in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Better known as “Joe,” Dr. Greer has received numerous awards and Honorary Doctoral degrees, and examples are as follows: (1) June 2019 Pride in the Profession Award through the American Medical Association’s Excellence in Medicine Awards; (2) 2017 Citizen of the Year by the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida; (3) 2014 National Jefferson Award in the category of Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged; (4) 2013 Great Floridian Award; (5) 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom; and (6) 1993 MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant Fellow. He has also received a Papal Medal and has been knighted as a Knight of Malta and St. Gregory the Great. He has published more than 30 articles and book chapters on topics ranging from hepatic and digestive disorders to policy, poverty, medical education and health in America. He wrote *Waking Up in America*, a book about his life experiences, including providing care to homeless individuals under bridges in Miami, to career highlights, such as advising Presidents Bush Sr. and Clinton on health care.

As Associate Dean for Community Engagement, Dr. Greer promotes the social mission of FIU HWCOM to facilitate medical student training and improve community health. Working with various FIU colleges, Dr. Greer spearheaded a unique service-learning and community-based medical curriculum to prepare physicians and other health professionals to address the social determinants of health, while simultaneously caring for individuals and communities through a household-centered approach to clinical care.

Dr. Greer is currently serving in various capacities for a multitude of national, state, and local organizations. He is a Trustee at the RAND Corporation (America’s oldest and largest think tank) and is the current Chair of the Pardee RAND Graduate School Board of Governors, an institution that confers one of the highest numbers of PhDs in policy analysis in the world. Dr. Greer served as Chair for the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation from 2002 to 2012. He is an independent board member of American Funds 2016 to present. He is also a member of Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society and a fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Greer did his undergraduate work at the University of Florida and medical studies at La Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in the Dominican Republic. He trained in Internal Medicine and served as Chief Resident at the VA/University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Florida. Dr. Greer completed two post-doctoral fellowships, one in Hepatology, the other one in Gastroenterology, where he was an Assistant Dean; he is board certified in Medicine and Gastroenterology. Before joining FIU HWCOM, Dr. Greer ran a successful private practice and was Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Mercy Hospital in Miami.