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"Personalised Approaches to Hypertension: Opportunities and Obstacles."

Donna K. Arnett is Dean of the College of Public Health and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Kentucky. Prior to this, Dr Arnett was Associate Dean and Chair of the Epidemiology Department at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Dr Arnett received a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of South Florida and practised critical care nursing for a number of years before earning her Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Florida and then a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr Arnett has received continuous US National Institutes of Health research funding for 25 years. Her research has focused primarily on the genomics and epigenomics of cardiovascular disease and related phenotypes. Throughout her career, Dr Arnett has been active in cardiovascular disease prevention and health promotion. She has served as Chair of the American Heart Association Research Committee and Scientific Publishing Committee. From 2012 to 2013, Dr Arnett served as President of the American Heart Association, the first epidemiologist to serve in that role.