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“The SPRINT Marathon: The Race Goes On”

Suzanne Oparil, MD, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Professor of Cell, Developmental and Integrative Biology, Director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program and the United Therapeutics Endowed Professorship in Pulmonary Vascular Disease, Division of Cardiovascular Disease, Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is a cardiologist with special interest in fundamental mechanisms of cardiovascular disease and the development of novel therapies for systemic and pulmonary hypertension and heart failure. Her research ranges from molecular and cellular studies to whole animal studies to clinical trials.

Dr Oparil has made many ground-breaking observations that have greatly impacted clinical medicine and held a significant role in defining the role of renin-angiotensin system in vascular disease and the protective effects of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibition. She has served as President of the American Heart Association, the American Society of Hypertension, and the American Federation for Clinical Research and holds numerous honorary memberships, lectureships and distinguished awards for her contributions to academic medicine. She is member of a number of prestigious societies and holds important advisory positions with the NIH, including membership on task forces, expert panels, peer-review and guidelines committees.