



Cynda Ann Johnson, MD, MBA, family physician, retired December 31, 2018, having served for 12 years as President and Founding Dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, a small problem-based, research-intensive, totally pass/fail medical school. She created every aspect of the school from the design of the building, curriculum, fulfillment of all accreditation standards on the first attempt and graduation of 6 classes, all matching to competitive residency programs.

Previously, Dr. Johnson was dean at East Carolina School of Medical, Chair of Family Medicine at University of Iowa School of Medicine, and long time faculty and residency director at University of Kansas Medical School. As a family doctor, her special interests were maternal-child health including obstetrics and outpatient gynecology. She was the first woman chair/president of several national organizations including the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Medical Specialties. She received her BA in German with Honors from Stanford, her medical doctorate from UCLA, and MBA from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She is married to Dr. Bruce Johnson, an internist and former Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at VTCSOM, and has two adult sons and daughter's in law. Best gig of all: she's a grandmother!