

Dr. Henry-Tillman is Professor and Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery, Division Chief of the Breast Surgical Oncology Division and a nationally and internationally renowned breast cancer surgeon at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, recognized for her innovations and contributions in the field of breast cancer surgery. She holds the Muriel Balsam Kohn Chair in Breast Surgical Oncology. The endowed chair is the result of a gift from the Tenenbaum Foundation. The foundation's primary objectives include providing humanitarian assistance to residents of central Arkansas, promoting awareness of breast cancer and funding research to reduce or eliminate deaths from the disease. Additionally, she serves as Director of Health Initiatives and Disparities Research and Co-Leader of the Diseases Oriented Committee (DOC) on Breast at UAMS. As a graduate of University of California San Diego School of Medicine, Dr. Henry-Tillman completed her surgical residency at UAMS, as well as fellowship training with the UAMS fellowship in Diseases of the Breast. Following her fellowship, Dr. Henry-Tillman was invited to join the surgical faculty team. She has been on the surgical faculty team since 1999 and has served in many leadership capacities. Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman has made a strong academic presence, authoring or co-authoring at least 81 journal articles and numerous book chapters. In a partnership with Friends of Africa and the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation, she has developed an early detection program for breast cancer as well as establishing a breast surgery training program and provided lifesaving procedures at the University of Zambia in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Biamba Marie Mutombo Hospital in Kinshasa. Most recently, on September 12, 2022, she was recognized as honoree for the 2022 UAMS Dr. Edith Irby Jones Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Lifetime Achievement.