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Dr. Renaissa S. Anthony is a licensed, practicing physician and public health practitioner. She is the Deputy Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Promotion in the College of Public Health and founding faculty of the Maternal and Child Health Concentration at UNMC. She delivers compassionate, evidence-based care for patients at the Charles Drew Community Health Center (a local federally qualified health center in Omaha, NE). Her research interests are in health equity, diversity, inclusion, and maternal and child health.

Dr. Anthony's professional and personal commitment to eradicating health disparities developed over a myriad of professional and personal experiences. Born preterm and raised in the inner city of Detroit, Michigan; Dr. Anthony is keenly aware of the social determinants of health and their impact on health outcomes. She is an advocate for Healthy People 2020 goals to "eliminate disparities, achieve health equity and improve the health of all populations."

Dr. Anthony's most notable achievements include:

- Honored by the US Surgeon General
- Testifying before Congress in support of the Affordable Care Act
- Earning the 2010 American Public Health Association Leadership and Advocacy Award
- Earning the 2010 National Medical Association's Top Doctor Under 40 Award
- 2012 TEDx Talk entitled "A Recipe for Health Equity" (available on YouTube)
- 2016 Midwest Global Health Conference keynote entitled "We Are the World: A 21st Century Perspective on Health Disparities" (available on YouTube)
- 2016 noted as a Health Equity Scholar by the National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- 2017, 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health Congressional Award from the National Minority Quality Forum

Dr. Anthony earned her medical degree at the University of Chicago, Masters of Public Health at Harvard University, internship training at Vanderbilt University and fellowship in health policy at the National Institutes of Health and the Office of the Surgeon General.