

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO



Crista Johnson-Agbakwu, MD, MSc, FACOG, is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist at Maricopa Integrated Health System, Phoenix, AZ, where she is the Founding Director of the Refugee Women's Health Clinic. She is also a Clinical Research Affiliate of the Center for International Translational Intervention Research (CITIR), part of the Southwest Interdisciplinary Center (SIRC), which is a health disparities exploratory research center of excellence funded by a NIH/NIHMD at Arizona State University. She received her undergraduate degree from The Johns Hopkins University, medical degree from the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, and completed her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the George Washington University Medical Center. She subsequently completed a fellowship in Female Sexual Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles and then became a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan where she obtained her Masters in Health and Health Care Research examining disparities in reproductive health care among refugees/immigrants through mixed-method Community-Based Participatory Research. She has presented nationally and internationally on the challenges faced by health care providers in the care of refugee women as well as the opportunities to improve the quality of care for this vulnerable population. Her current research focuses on investigating strategies to improve reproductive health outcomes for newly-arrived refugee women, particularly those who have undergone Female Genital Cutting (FGC) as well as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV); with the aim of improving health care access and utilization, reproductive health education, counseling, community engagement, as well as health care provider cultural competency.