

BRIEF NARRATIVE RESUME
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John C. LaRosa, M.D., FACP, is president and professor of medicine at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, also known as SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn. Dr. LaRosa is responsible for the overall direction of academic programs and research at SUNY Downstate, which comprises the College of Medicine (the 15th oldest medical school in the country), School of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, and College of Health Related Professions. He also oversees the management of University Hospital of Brooklyn, a 376-bed facility that serves one of the most diverse populations in the nation. Nearly 85 percent of its patients are disadvantaged minorities.

A leader in medical education and academic medicine administration, Dr. LaRosa is an accomplished investigator who is internationally known for his research on statins and the role cholesterol, hormones, and diet play in heart disease.

Dr. LaRosa's recent research focuses on statins. He is the Principal Investigator of the Treating to New Targets study, which involved over 10,000 patients at 257 clinical sites in 14 countries. The results of this eight-year study – which looked at the clinical efficacy of lowering LDL cholesterol levels in patients with heart disease below current guidelines – were released at the American College of Cardiology annual meeting in March, 2005 and widely reported. The study's release was timed to coincide with a featured article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his B.S. degree in chemistry, *summa cum laude*, and his M.D. degree in 1965, Dr. LaRosa completed his residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and a fellowship at the National Heart Institute.

Dr. LaRosa and his wife, Judith LaRosa, Ph.D., R.N., who is professor of preventive medicine and community health at SUNY Downstate, live in Brooklyn Heights. They have two grown children, one a physician, the other an attorney. An accomplished pianist, Dr. LaRosa is an ardent jazz enthusiast and music scholar.