Brief biography for Philip R. Johnson. M.D.

Dr. Johnson currently serves as Chief Scientific Officer, Executive Vice President, and Director of the Research Institute at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He also holds the Edmond F. Notebaert Chair in Pediatric Research and is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In his role as Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Johnson oversees the research enterprise at Children's Hospital that supports over 1,600 faculty and staff engaged in a wide array of basic, clinical, and translational research activities with an annual budget in excess of $300 M.

Dr. Johnson received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, followed by a pediatric residency and infectious diseases training at Vanderbilt University. After fellowship training, he worked at the NIH and Columbus Children's Hospital for 20 years before assuming his current positions in Philadelphia in 2005. In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Johnson also directs his own research laboratory, which over the last decade, has focused on gene transfer technology for use in vaccine antigen delivery. This research culminated in the development of a candidate HIV vaccine that is now in Phase 1 and 2 human clinical trials. He has published over 130 papers in the scientific literature and has received almost $50 million of peer-reviewed grant support over the past 15 years. Dr. Johnson has received several national honors including election to the American Pediatric Society and being named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.