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Dr. Atherton joined Health Research Associates in the summer of 2014 after a career in biomedical research at academic health centers including the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, where she was Regents Professor and Chair of the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy. Her prior faculty positions included the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the Department of Cellular and Structural Biology and the University of Miami School of Medicine in the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology and of Anatomy. Dr. Atherton also served the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology as a member of the board of trustees, as Executive Vice-President, and as Executive Director.

Dr. Atherton received her Ph.D. training in microbiology (virology) followed by postdoctoral training in molecular virology (at the University of Mississippi Medical Center) and in immunology (at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas).

Dr. Atherton's research program, focused on the pathogenesis of herpesvirus (HSV-1 and cytomegalovirus) infections of the eye and brain, was continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for almost 30 years.