

Takeisha Charles Davis, MD, MPH



Dr. Takeisha Charles Davis is a daughter, mother, and sister who was born and reared in New Orleans, Louisiana where she attended Eleanor McMain Secondary School and Xavier University of Louisiana. Her desire to serve the public through the field of medicine was cultivated at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she earned her Doctorate of Medicine, and the Harvard School of Public Health where she earned a Master's in Public Health.

In 2005, Dr. Davis returned to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals where she supervised the clinical aspects of the Special Needs Shelter and Temporary Medical Operations and Staging Area opened at Nicholls State University to serve over 20,000 residents evacuated during Hurricane Katrina. Over the next 10 years she served in various positions for the state of Louisiana, the Director of the Center for Community and Preventive Health, Office of Public Health Medical Director, and Assistant State Health Officer for the Louisiana Department of Health. In this capacity, she directed public health services delivered through 70 clinics across the state.

With over 10 years' experience in clinical care, community engagement and healthcare systems, Dr. Davis was selected to serve as the President and CEO of the New Orleans East Hospital in January 2016. She is the first African-American female Hospital CEO in New Orleans.

Dr. Davis currently serves on the governing boards of the New Orleans Business Alliance, United Way of Southeast Louisiana, New Orleans Medical Association, and Achieving Awesome Things Through Inspired Actions (AATTIA), an empowerment group for adolescents. Through this association and Taylor Made Medical Consulting LLC, established by Dr. Davis in 2006, she is able to support and encourage young people to achieve their greatest potential. She is also a member of The Links, Incorporated, Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter. True to her New Orleans roots, Dr. Davis proudly serves as a Founding Member and Parade Captain for the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale. Established in 2013, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale provides an opportunity for women of all races, gender, and socioeconomic status to participate in greatest free show on earth...Mardi Gras.

Social Determinants Impacting Equity in Health Care Equity Panel Discussion

Jeffrey Emery Sterling, MD, MPH, FACEP



Dr. Jeffrey Sterling is a leader in community-based health care, organizational operations and efficiency. His businesses have created solutions in over three dozen states and countries. **Sterling Initiatives** is an international healthcare consulting and implementation firm that provides entities with clinical, operational and financial best practices. **SI Medical Supply** is an international medical, surgical and PPE equipment export company. **72 Hours Life** is a personal and professional lifestyle management initiative that promotes and teaches efficiency as a means of improving quality of life and business productivity. **SIMPCO** is America's first managed preventive health organization, offering health preventive and promotive services worldwide. Dr. Sterling is author of the popular healthcare blog, 'Straight, No Chaser,' and the books *Behind the Curtain – A Peek at Life from within the ER*, *There Are 72 Hours in a Day – Using Efficiency to Better Enjoy Every Part of Your Life* and *Voices and Visions, the Evolution of the Black Experience at Northwestern University*. Dr. Sterling currently serves

as the first Surgeon General of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Additionally,

- Dr. Sterling served as President of the Northwestern University Black Alumni Association between 2014-2018, representing over 4800 alumni nationally organized in 29 local chapters. As such he was the co-founder of the first Archive of the Black Experience at Northwestern University, Executive Producer of the documentary *The Takeover – The Revolution of the Black Experience at Northwestern University*, creator of the NUBAA Achievement Scholarship which in just two years has raised over \$150,000 in gifts and pledges for Black students, and co-author of the first book on Northwestern's Black history, titled *Voices and Visions: The Evolution of the Black Experience at Northwestern University*.
- Dr. Sterling founded the Minority Association of Pre-health Students, a national organization of premedical and other health career aspirants with chapters in over 300 colleges nationally.
- Dr. Sterling has served as CEO, Senior VP, Corporate Medical Officer, National Physician Practice Director, and Regional Medical Director for various health care contract management groups, and as Medical Director for 17 Emergency Medical System units and Home Health Companies.
- Dr. Sterling has served as Chairman and/or Medical Director of the Departments of Emergency Medicine at Level I Trauma Emergency Departments in Metropolitan DC (Prince George's Hospital Center), Fort Worth (JPS Health Network) and Milwaukee (St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center).
- Dr. Sterling founded DFW Urgent Care, a series of award-winning urgent care centers in Texas, New York and California providing quality equivalent, cost-effective care alternatives to hospital ERs.
- Dr. Sterling founded the JPS Health Network's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in Texas and created the first SANE program in the state of Connecticut at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC). Sterling Initiatives prevented the closure of CCMC in 2005.
- Dr. Sterling founded US Asthma Care, a series of outcomes based, best-practice Disease Management treatment facilities in Texas and Illinois working with Health Plans to reduce hospitalization and improve clinical outcomes among asthmatics.
- Dr. Sterling founded and served as Medical Director of the Covenant Healthcare Asthma Clinics in Milwaukee, then the largest asthma education clinic in Wisconsin.
- Dr. Sterling has served on the Board of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, Texas Chapter and the American Lung Association, Central States Region.
- Dr. Sterling served as Chairman of the DFW Minority Business Council's Health Industry Group, a consortium of over seventy healthcare business enterprises across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. He currently serves in the same capacity for the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce's Health Industry Group.

Dr. Sterling has degrees from Northwestern, The Harvard School of Public Health (Health Policy & Management), and the University of Illinois College Of Medicine. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. He has received executive education from Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business. He is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Sterling is a speaker in high demand on topics of Medicine, Health Care, Public Health, productivity and efficiency, having delivered over one thousand lectures nationally since 2000 and a TedX talk in 2017.



Jocelyn McClain Hazlewood, MD is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria serving as section chief of Anesthesiology in the Department of Surgery. As well she serves an administrative role in Operating Room management.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Brown University and a Medical Degree from Howard University College of Medicine. She has served the American Board of Anesthesiology for over twenty years as a Senior Oral Board Examiner and as a Senior Exam Content Editor.

She is a silver member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and has served as a Central Region Teen Advisor for Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She currently serves as Vice President of the Central Illinois Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

She is married to Dexter Hazlewood, MD and is the proud mother of two children.



Chinelo Echeazu, MD, is a physician specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a native of Chicago and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in bioengineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also obtained a post-baccalaureate certificate and Medical Degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She completed her residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

Dr. Echeazu is board certified through the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is also a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has special interests in minimally invasive surgery. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She lives in the Springfield area with her husband, two children and two dogs.



Jerel Watson, MD, is a physician specializing in Emergency Medicine. He is a native of Chicago and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, with a minor in psychology from St. Xavier University. He obtained a post-baccalaureate certificate and his medical degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He also completed his residency at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Dr. Watson is board certified through the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He enjoys working out, participating in, and watching sports. He lives in the Springfield area with his wife, two children and two dogs.