

Sixth Annual Winter Membership Meeting | Speaker Bios



Dr. Linda Fu, M.D., M.S General Pediatrician & Director of Academic Development for Community Pediatrics | Children's National Health System

Dr. Fu. is a general pediatrician at Children's National Hospital and an associate professor of pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Fu has dedicated her career to improving the health and well-being of children, with a keen focus on children from medically underserved communities. Dr. Fu is currently a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Global Immunization Project Advisory Committee helping to address patient vaccine hesitancy across the world. She also serves as chair of ImmunizeDC, 1 of 3 stakeholder organizations identified by DC Health to advise them on their COVID-19 vaccine distribution and communication strategy.





Martha A. Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE President | National Black Nurses Association

Dr. Dawson is the 13th President of the National Black Nurses Association. She is an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing (SON). She earned her bachelor's degree and in 1984, she earned her master's degree, both from UABSON. In 2010, she earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton, School of Nursing (FPBSON). Dr. Dawson completed her hospital administration residency at Gaston Memorial Hospital, NC. Her practice, clinical and research focus is health systems and nursing leadership. She has served as the principal investigator, project director, and coordinator on HRSA and foundation grants exceeding \$2.5 million, grant consultant, program evaluator, and reviewer. Her leadership and research focus on career mobility barriers, fostering inclusivity and workplace equity, management development, succession planning, career progression, and organizational improvement through system analysis.





Dr. Fabian Sandoval, MD CEO & Research Director | Emerson Clinical Research Institute

Dr. Fabian Sandoval, CEO & Research Director of the Emerson Clinical Research Institute, has over 25 years of bench to bedside research experience. His diversified research career has been in academia, healthcare systems and the public sector. Dr. Sandoval has participated in federal and congressional briefings focused on their work to ensure minority patients are adequately represented in clinical research studies across the country. Through its Emerson Diversity Health Foundation, ECRI conducts educates physicians and minority patients of the importance of participating in clinical research. ECRI is currently recruiting patients for a COVID-19 Vaccine study in Healthy Adults, and a COVID treatment clinical trial with a molecule that is looking to reduce the severity and symptoms of COVID-19. He received his Bachelor of Science in molecular and cellular biology from Marymount University, and his Doctorate of Medicine from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, School of Medicine. Dr. Sandoval serves as a medical contributor for Telemundo WZDC, Washington, DC and recently won an Emmy for hosting his weekly TV show "Tu Salud Tu Familia" (Your Family Your Health).