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| **Alisahah Cole, MD**  **Chief Community Impact Officer­**  **Personal Background** | |
|  | **Alisahah J. Cole, MD**, is a true Renaissance woman. A musician, a physician, a mother, a volunteer, a leader, are just a few descriptions that could be used when introducing her. Above all, Dr. Cole is highly passionate about health equity, advocating that everyone should have the ability to achieve great health, no matter what they look like, how much money they make, or where they come from.  Dr. Cole was born in Dayton, Ohio, where she lived with her mother. She started playing classical piano at the age of 5, and always knew she wanted to be a doctor. Her grandmother played an integral role in her life, instilling in her that everyone deserved grace and kindness. She has two boys, Auvin and Roman, and considers herself a soccer mom, spending most weekends at sporting events.  **Education and Professional Development**  Dr. Cole received her undergraduate degrees in Music and Biology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.  She graduated with her medical degree from Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, OH, where she was a National Health Service Corp Scholar.  Since serving the underserved had always been a priority, she completed her residency in Family Medicine at Carolinas Medical Center, where she was part of the Urban Track program.  During that time, she received the Bryant L. Galusha Intern of the Year Award and served as Co-Chief Resident her final year.  After completing residency, she worked in Union, SC for 4 years, where under her leadership as Medical Director, designated her office as a rural health clinic. She also served as the Medical Director for Interim Healthcare, a home health/hospice company during this time. She returned to Charlotte in 2011, becoming the faculty and Site Director of the Urban Track, where she trained. She completed a Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Medicine in 2012, after which she was quickly promoted to Residency Director in 2013. Under her leadership as Residency Director, she expanded the Urban Track Program, successfully merged another Family Medicine Residency program to prevent it from closing in Monroe, NC, and transformed the curriculum to focus on population health. In 2015, she became Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, responsible for the daily operations of the department, as well as the academic and research components. In 2016, she became the first Vice President, System Medical Director of Community Health for **Carolinas HealthCare System/Atrium Health**, with responsibilities to develop and implement a community health strategy over multiple counties in NC and SC. Most recently, she was promoted to Chief Community Impact Officer of Atrium Health, with expanding responsibilities over Health Equity, Community Health, Environmental Sustainability, Mobile Medicine, and Faith Community Health Ministry.  **Community Involvement**  Dr. Cole grew up in a family that believed in giving back to the community and that has been a tremendous part of her life’s work. She currently still sees patients in one of Atrium Health’s Community Clinics, as well as, in the hospital. She has served as Medical Director at Bethesda Clinic, a low-cost care option serving primarily immigrants and she has been the Team Physician for multiple high school teams over the years. She has been a consistent volunteer, along with her family, with numerous non-profit agencies, including her church. She also has a passion about inter-disciplinary medical education, teaching a wide range of learners from residents, medical and pharmacy students, ACP’s, and behavioral health interns, to name a few.  **Awards**  Dr. Cole has received numerous awards for her commitment to clinical excellence, medical education, community health, and health equity. Among these honors are:   * Care Ring-Maribelle Connerat Award * Greater Charlotte Healthcare Executives Group Inaugural Equity of Care Physician Award * Society of Teachers of Family Medicine President’s Award * University of Chapel Hill Statewide Dept. of Family Medicine David S. Citron Award * Wallace Thomson Hospital Excellence in Patient Care Award * Bryant L. Galusha, MD Award for Outstanding Intern of the Year * The Ohio Department of Aging Award * National Health Service Corp Scholar   **Organizations**  In addition to her various professional and philanthropic positions, she has served or is currently affiliated with the following organizations:   * Board of Directors of Public Health Foundation * Board of Directors American Hospital Association Center for Innovation * Board of Directors American Hospital Association Health, Research, and Education Trust * Board of Directors-Chair, One Charlotte Health Alliance * Board of Directors Mecklenburg County Medic * Board of Directors Care Ring * Board of Directors Charlotte Regional Business Alliance Foundation * Charlotte Executive Leadership Council, Housing Committee * Charlotte 250 Executive Leadership Council * Healthy North Carolina 2030 Task Force * Family Medicine for America’s Health, Young Leaders Insight Group * University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Kenan Scholar’s Program * American Academy of Family Physicians * North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians * American Medical Association * Association of Community Health Improvement * Society of Teachers in Family Medicine, Nominating and GME Committees * Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Family Medicine Leadership Committee * Union County Healthcare Foundation |
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