ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CARDIOLOGISTS ROUNDTABLE

BRIDGING THE GAP
Connecting and Engaging Multi-Level Sectors to Improve Obesity Outcomes for Minority and High-Risk Populations

THURSDAY
VIRTUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023
11:00 AM—4:00 PM ET
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**11:00–11:15 AM**

Welcome Remarks

**SPEAKER**

Dr. Anekwe Onwuanyi

ABC President

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**11:15–12:15 PM**

Session 1: Patient Perspectives

Patients will share perspectives on living with obesity, their current needs, and overall experiences interacting with the healthcare system.

**SPEAKERS**

Joseph Nadglowski

Obesity Action Coalition

Nikki Massie

Patient perspective

Shenese Davis Colwell

Patient perspective

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**12:15–12:30 PM**

BREAK

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Session 2: Research, Policy, and Advocacy
Speakers will share current obesity treatment research.

SPEAKERS
Eliza Lo Chin MD
American Medical Women’s Association
Mary Evans PHD
National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Christina Wee MD, MPH
American College of Physicians

1:30–1:40 PM
BREAK

1:40–2:40 PM
Session 3: Community-Based Strategies to Treat Obesity
Speakers will provide an overview of the current interventions, programs, and strategies being used to address obesity treatment within diverse communities.

SPEAKERS
Melicia C. Whitt-Glover PHD
Council on Black Health
Debra Fraser-Howze MPH
Choosing Healthy Life
Chiadi Ndumele MD, PHD
American Heart Association
Michelle Tedder MSN
Black Women’s Health Imperative

2:40–2:50 PM
BREAK

2:50–3:50 PM
Breakout Groups
Participants will breakout into small groups to have further conversations around what is needed to support community-based organizations, identify gaps and challenges, and potential solutions.

3:50–4:00 PM
Reflections and Next Steps
A special thank you to Co-Chairs, Drs. Stanford and Powell-Wiley, for your invaluable support, expertise, and dedication in planning the Obesity Roundtable.

FATIMA CODY STANFORD  MD, MPH, MPA, MBA, FAAP, FACP, FAHA, FAMWA, FTOS

Dr. Stanford is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics who practices and teaches at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/ Harvard Medical School (HMS) as one of the first fellowship-trained obesity medicine physicians worldwide. She is among the most highly cited obesity medicine physician-scientists, with over 190 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Stanford received her BS and MPH from Emory University as an MLK Scholar, her MD from the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine as a Stoney Scholar, her MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Zuckerman Fellow in the Harvard Center for Public Leadership and her executive MBA as a merit-based scholarship recipient from the Quantic School of Business and Technology. She completed her Obesity Medicine & Nutrition Fellowship at MGH/HMS after completing her internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the University of South Carolina. She has served as a health communications fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as a behavioral sciences intern at the American Cancer Society. Upon completing her MPH, she received the Gold Congressional Award, the highest honor Congress bestows upon America’s youth.

Dr. Stanford has completed a medicine and media internship at the Discovery Channel. An American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation Leadership Award recipient in 2005 and an AMA Paul Ambrose Award for national leadership among resident physicians in 2009, she was selected for the AMA Inspirational Physician Award in 2015. The American College of Physicians (ACP) selected her as the 2013 Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award recipient, and the Massachusetts ACP selected her for the Young Leadership Award in 2015. She is the 2017 recipient of the HMS Amos Diversity Award and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) Award for Women’s Health. In 2019, she was selected as the Suffolk District Community Clinician of the Year for the Reducing Health Disparities Award for MMS. She was chosen for The Obesity Society Clinician of the Year in 2020. In 2021, she was awarded the MMS Grant Rodkey Award for her dedication to medical students and the AMA Dr. Edmond and Rima Cabbabe Dedication to the Profession Award, which recognizes a physician who demonstrates active and productive improvement to the profession of medicine through community service, advocacy, leadership, teaching, or philanthropy. She is the 2021 Recipient of the Emory Rollins School of Public Health Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2022, the National Academy of Medicine selected her as a Scholar in Diagnostic Excellence. She was named to the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA).

TIFFANY M. POWELL-WILEY MD, MPH, FAHA, FABMR

Dr. Tiffany M. Powell-Wiley is an Earl Stadtman Investigator and Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health with a joint appointment in the Cardiovascular Branch of the Division of Intramural Research at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Powell-Wiley’s interdisciplinary team uses community-engaged research, epidemiologic methods, and translational approaches to better understand social factors that promote obesity and limit cardiovascular health.

In 2021, Dr. Powell-Wiley’s innovative work was recognized with the American Heart Association’s Population Research Prize. In 2023, Dr. Powell-Wiley was chosen for the American Society for Clinical Investigation. At NIH, Dr. Powell-Wiley has mentored more than 50 research fellows at various career stages, several of whom are now tenure-track, NIH-funded faculty. Dr. Powell-Wiley serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of the American Heart Association, as a Consulting Editor for Health Psychology, and is on the editorial board for the journal, Circulation. She has been recognized through NHLBI Director’s awards for developing a clinic in Washington, DC for community-engaged research, for mentorship of research fellows, and for promoting diversity in the biomedical workforce through mentorship efforts. Dr. Powell-Wiley graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. in chemical
ELIZA LO CHIN MD, MPH
Dr. Eliza Chin is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF. She has been actively involved in AMWA for over a decade, serving as President during AMWA’s 95th Anniversary Year. She has been an integral part of many of AMWA’s programs, including the founding of AMWA’s Networking Alliance, the launch of Faces of AMWA – an on-line exhibition, and AMWA’s Annual Meetings over the past several years. She has a particular interest in the history of women in medicine and the stories of women physicians during all stages of their careers. In 2002, she published the anthology, This Side of Doctoring: Reflections from Women in Medicine. In 2003, she was featured in the National Library of Medicine’s Exhibition, Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians. Working with and collaborating with women physicians leaders is her passion and she is honored to be AMWA’s Executive Director, to serve the organization that has provided her with so much support.

Dr. Chin is a graduate of UC Berkeley, Harvard Medical School, and Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. She completed her training in Primary Care at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. She was Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia for many years before relocating to California where she continues to teach medical students and practice medicine part-time. She is a past Visiting Scholar of the Women’s Leadership Institute at Mills College and currently Medical Director of Bayside Park, a long-term care facility.

SHENESE COLWELL
Shenese Colwell is a gastric bypass surgery patient and the owner & founder of L.A.B Work & Fitness (Life After Bariatrics). Having maintained a weight loss of over 100 pounds in the last 10 years, she has a passion for helping clients reach their fitness goals and adopt lifestyles of frequent, effective movement to enhance mental and physical health. Fueled by her continuous pursuit of knowledge and support in the field of nutrition, fitness, and motivation, Shenese has fallen in love with barre and Pilates and the essence of what it does, not only for aging bodies, but for ALL bodies. She is a certified fitness instructor, bariatric health coach, and fitness nutrition specialist. She teaches barre and Pilates classes, mentors, and is an advocate for aging wellness/active aging and ending obesity bias.

MARY E. EVANS PHD
Dr. Evans is a Program Officer in the Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), NIH, where she oversees a research program focused on human nutrition and obesity research. In that role, she manages multi-center clinical studies on weight control, nutrient intake, and physical activity as well as the NIDDK Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) Program (www.NORCCentral.org). Her research portfolio also includes the evaluation of ‘natural experiments’ or public programs and policies intended to prevent or control obesity, the development of methodologies to improve assessment of dietary intake and physical activity across the lifespan, and a career development program for early career scientists from diverse backgrounds conducting research on nutrition, obesity, diabetes, and related diseases. She is currently serving as the Project Scientist for the Clinical Centers in the Nutrition for Precision Health Powered by All of Us Research Program and as a member of NIDDK’s Health Equity Working Group, which has developed an implementation plan for health disparities and health equity research at NIDDK.

MELICIA WHITT-GLOVER PHD
Dr. Melicia Whitt-Glover is Executive Director for the Council on Black Health, Inc. The Council’s mission is to develop and promote solutions that achieve health in Black communities. She is also President and CEO of Gramercy Research Group in Winston Salem, NC. Gramercy Research Group’s mission is to positively impact and improve
the lives of individuals and communities by addressing health and related issues.

For over 20 years, Dr. Whitt-Glover has been engaged in research and evaluation projects designed to identify effective strategies to promote adherence to national recommendations for physical activity, diet, and healthy weight gain to address disparities in chronic disease morbidity and mortality. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, national and local foundations, and local government organizations. She was a member of the 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee, which was a group of the country’s most accomplished physical activity and health expertise who will play a critical role in a comprehensive process, culminating with the publication of the second edition of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

Dr. Whitt-Glover received her BA (Exercise Physiology, 1993) and MA (Exercise Physiology, 1996) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her Ph.D. (Epidemiology, 1999) from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Whitt-Glover completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (2000 – 2002).

Debra Fraser-Howze is the Founder of Choose Healthy Life, a non-profit organization focused on establishing a sustainable, scalable and transferable approach to address public health disparities through the Black Church. Ms. Fraser-Howze founded Choose Healthy Life (CHL) in October 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic after seeing the disproportionate death and inequitable health impact it was having on the Black community. She saw an opportunity to bring faith and medical science together by establishing a trusted health workforce within the Black church to connect hard-to-reach and underserved communities on the ground to much needed health services.

To guide Choose Healthy Life, she established the National Black Clergy Health Leadership Council co-chaired by civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton (National Action Network) and eminent theologian Rev. Calvin O. Butts III (Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem, NY) of blessed memory. She also created a Medical Advisory Board that includes Dr. Tom Frieden (former CDC Director under President Obama), Dr. Louis Sullivan (former HHS Secretary under President Bush) and Dr. Donna Christensen (Member of Congress 1997-2015).

On January 18, 2021, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the one-year anniversary of the first documented case of COVID-19 in the U.S., Choose Healthy Life launched and in its first two years, funded 120 churches across 13 states that hosted over 3,500 events at which over 110,000 individuals were tested/vaccinated for COVID-19.

In November 2022, CHL launched the Choose Healthy Life Community Wellness Program through its churches, featuring the Blueprint for Wellness (BFW), a free comprehensive health screening developed by Quest Diagnostics. In the first 180 days, over 5,000 completed the BFW at nearly 90 events hosted at CHL churches.

Prior to Choose Healthy Life, Ms. Fraser-Howze served for a decade as the Senior Vice President, Government and External Affairs at OraSure Technologies, a leader in the development, manufacturing and distribution of oral fluid diagnostic and collection devices to detect or diagnose critical medical conditions.

While at OraSure, Ms. Fraser-Howze played a critical role in launching the Company’s OraQuick In-Home HIV Test (2012), the OraQuick Rapid HCV Test (2010), the OraQuick Rapid Ebola Test (2015) and the OraQuick Rapid Zika Test (2016).

Prior to joining OraSure, Ms. Fraser-Howze served as the President/CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA), an organization she founded in 1987. While at NBLCA, she was an author of the federally-funded Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) which was created in 1996 in response to growing concern about the impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. The MAI provides for over $500 million in annual funding, strengthening organizational capacity and expanding HIV-related services in minority communities.

Nikki Massie is a person living with obesity and a RNY gastric bypass patient who lives and works in Baltimore, Maryland. She currently serves on the national board of the Obesity Action Coalition, where she co-chairs the membership committee and lends her lived experience to conversations around research, access to care and advocacy.
JOE NADGLOWSKI
Joe Nadglowski is President & CEO of the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) – a nonprofit organization formed in 2005 dedicated to elevating and empowering individuals affected by obesity through education, advocacy and support. A frequent speaker and author, Mr. Nadglowski is especially passionate about access to obesity treatments, tackling weight bias and sharing his own experiences with obesity. He has more than 25 years of experience working in patient advocacy, public policy and education and is a graduate of the University of Florida.

CHIADI NDUMELE MD
Dr. Chiadi Ndumele is the Director of Obesity and Cardiometabolic Research, Director of the Heart Failure Prevention Program and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Ndumele is a preventive cardiologist with doctorate level training in epidemiology, who leads a research program related to characterizing the relationship of obesity and cardiometabolic risk factors with the development of cardiovascular disease, with a particular focus on heart failure risk, and to refining strategies for cardiovascular disease prevention. His work additionally addresses the impact of social determinants of health on cardiometabolic risk factors and downstream cardiovascular outcomes.

Dr. Ndumele received his M.D. from Harvard University and his Internal Medicine training at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, where he also served as Chief Medical Resident. He subsequently trained in Cardiology at Johns Hopkins University, where he was also Chief Cardiology Fellow in his final year and where he also received his MHS and PhD in Epidemiology. Dr. Ndumele’s research has been supported by multiple grants from the NIH, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Heart Association (AHA). He is Past Chair of the AHA Obesity Committee, Vice-Chair of the Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health of the AHA and Co-Lead of the AHA Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Health Initiative. He cares for patients with cardiovascular disease in the Coronary Care Unit and Outpatient Cardiology Clinic at Johns Hopkins.

ANEKWE ONWUANYI MD, FACC
Dr. Onwuanyi is a Professor of Medicine (cardiology) and the chief of the section of cardiology. He has a broad background in cardiovascular disease research with specific expertise in heart failure research in the African American community. His research expertise includes the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities in clinical trials. As PI or co-Investigator on several multi-center and NIH-funded grants, he has worked with co-investigators on other cardiovascular disease-related projects, most recently as Co-PI of the AHA sponsored TOTAL project enhancing the science of diversity in clinical trials.

The TOTAL project involves the comparative evaluation of different strategies head-to-head for increasing enrollment of a diverse underrepresented groups in clinical trials. Moreover, he serves as the training director in the affiliated Diverse Network. In addition, he is intimately involved in all operational aspects of research projects (staffing, research protections, budget and so on), collaborating with other researchers, and writing peer-reviewed manuscripts from each project. He has broad experience as an American Heart Association peer reviewer of grants and recently completed serving on the Oversight Advisory Committee of the Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN) for heart failure.

Also, since 2017 he has collaborated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention on research addressing the social determinants of health to achieve health equity in heart failure treatment. He has successfully mentored several clinician-scientist who are advancing as independent investigators in prominent institutions across the country. As a result of these previous experiences, he is aware of the importance of developing a clinical research workforce pipeline to enable innovative and sustainable cardiovascular research portfolio. These experiences are vital for mentoring the next generation of clinical researchers, especially from underrepresented groups in medicine and academic research.

MICHELE TEDDER MSN
Michele Tedder is a charismatic connector with a passion for public health issues. She is a strong advocate for people living with obesity and is often asked to serve as a subject matter expert, speaker and panelist discussing issues and policies impacting access to obesity care.

Michele is a Senior Program Manager at the Black Women’s Health Imperative (BWHI), the only National non-profit focused
on the health and wellness of Black women and girls. She is the lead on the Black Women’s Health Imperative’s (BWHI) current evaluation, funded by National Association of Chronic Disease Directors to evaluate their virtual program using their culturally tailored curriculum approved by CDC in 2020; and she has led the creation of BWHI’s family-centered Diabetes Self-Management Support Program curriculum currently being pilot tested by three sites. She is also the founder of Village Empowerment Solutions, a consulting business focused on supporting organizations in the development of strategies that improve health outcomes for people living with chronic diseases. Michele recently served as a subject matter expert on obesity for the National Foundation of Women Legislators, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the American College of Gynecologists and DiaTribe Musings. Michele holds a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh and a master’s in nursing education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

CHRISTINA C. WEE  MD, MPH, FACP, FTOS

Dr. Wee is Senior Deputy Editor at Annals of Internal Medicine and Vice President of the Annals Division of the American College of Physicians. She also serves as Secretary for the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) and helps lead ACP’s Advancing Equitable Obesity Care Initiative. Prior to joining Annals in 2019, Dr. Wee was a clinician-investigator and Associate Section Chief for Research in the Division of General Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She was also Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School (where she maintains a faculty appointment) and Co-Program Director of the Harvard-wide General Medicine Research Fellowship Program. Dr. Wee graduated magna cum laude with a BS in Chemistry from Ursinus College and received her MD from Jefferson (Sidney Kimmel) Medical College, where she was a member of the AOA Honor Society. She completed her internal medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern in 1997, her general medicine research fellowship at Harvard in 1999 and her MPH degree at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

A nationally recognized researcher and mentor, Dr. Wee has been funded by numerous foundation and NIH R01 grants to study the interplay of race, obesity, weight stigma, healthcare of persons with obesity and patient preferences on weight treatment and health outcomes. She was among the first to identify persons with obesity as a disenfranchised group within the healthcare system and to bring this issue to national attention. She published a seminal paper in Annals in 2000 demonstrating that women with obesity were less likely to receive cancer screening than thinner women despite their higher risk. She subsequently published a series of high-profile studies in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggesting that clinicians nationally were not addressing obesity with their patients despite its epidemic rise. Dr. Wee’s research also demonstrated that health disparities and healthcare cost associated with obesity varied by race and ethnicity and that many primary care patients with obesity placed greater value on achieving substantial weight loss than achieving “perfect health.” An outstanding investigator and mentor known for her methodologic rigor, Dr. Wee was inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 2012 and is the recipient of several regional and national awards, including a NIH K24 Mentorship Award and the 2011 Midcareer Research and Mentorship Award from the Society of General Internal Medicine.

EVENT MODERATORS AND SUPPORT

ANDREA L. LOWE  MPH, CPH

Andrea L. Lowe, MPH, CPH operates the Social Impact Studio Consulting, LLC where she works with small-to-midsized health and human services agencies to build equitable policies, practices, and strategies at the local, state, and national level. Prior to starting her business in 2022, she has spent the past 14 years supporting policy, advocacy, and strategic initiatives for local, state, and national governments, non-profits, and private sector entities. Ms. Lowe holds a master of public health degree from University of South Florida and is pursuing her doctorate in public health (DrPH) with Loma Linda University. In her free time, she loves to read, play outdoors, and spend time with her friends and family.
Jamie Means is a public health consultant with 7+ years of experience working with organizations to help them build their online presence and reshape their internal activities regarding equity-focused practices. Also, she works to help these organizations improve their communications planning and outreach efforts through social media strategy. Ms. Means currently holds a master of public health degree from Meharry Medical College and is pursuing a doctorate degree in business administration from Trevecca Nazarene University. When engaging with clients, she utilizes an authentic approach to deliver informative messages and to help reshape narratives around health equity, professional development, and social media.

Dr. Jovonni Spinner is the CEO and Founder of Beacon Public Health. She is an award-winning health equity strategist and thought leader with a deep passion for improving health equity across the lifespan through research, communication, multi-sector partnerships, programming, and leadership. She believes health is a basic human right and uses her voice to support inclusive public health programs that support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). She has dedicated her work towards dismantling systemic barriers by helping organizations and public health professionals deliver dynamic, equity-driven, culturally tailored public health programs that meet the health needs of BIPOC communities.

She has led state and federal health equity programs like the Diversity in Clinical Trials Initiative, Community Health Worker Health Disparities Initiative, and Virginia Vaccines for Children Program which have reached millions of consumers to help them make better informed health decisions, obtain the services they need, and advocate for healthier communities.

Her passion is helping organizations and public health professionals overcome challenges in delivering dynamic, equity-driven, culturally tailored public health programs to meet the health needs of minority communities.

She is also a public health adjunct professor, serves on non-profit boards, and is active in her community creating programs to build the public health workforce and mentoring early-career professionals. Her research interests include understanding the social and cultural impact of living with overweight and obesity among Black women.

She is an alum of Virginia Commonwealth University, Emory University, and Morgan State University.

Simone John-Vanderpool is a vibrant young professional whose passion for understanding people and empowering communities has led her to obtain years of dynamic experience in the fields of psychology and public health. Simone’s professional journey in psychology started in 2009 with the National Family Resiliency Center, where she volunteered as a peer counselor for adolescent groups navigating family transitions. Simone developed and expanded her interest in psychology during her years at Wesleyan University, eventually completing her master’s thesis which investigated how Black women’s social and academic networks contributed to their body image, patterns of disordered eating, and self-esteem. During university, Simone’s career in public health also blossomed. After joining the Peer Health Advocates her freshman year, she quickly advanced to the position of Wellness Intern for the Office of Health Education. In this position, which she held for the subsequent 3 years, she facilitated workshops ranging from sexual health to sleep hygiene, and worked with a team of interns and peer health advocates to organize and develop relevant health education outreach events and campaigns. She also managed the Healthful Words Fund, a grant program which contributed to health education events organized by student groups outside of the Office of Health Education. In 2020, along with obtaining her Bachelor’s degree, she received the Wesleyan Health Education Prize. As a Research Assistant for Beacon Public Health, Simone is excited to bring the skills gained from her previous experiences to the team. Furthermore, working with BPH, she hopes to enrich and expand her experience in public health, with a particular focus on raising mental health awareness and care access among marginalized communities.
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