



NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
2026 Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly

PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVES SECTION

PROGRAM GUIDE

RECONSTRUCTING HEALTH

Patients, Providers, and Policy United for Justice

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Convention Center | Room 104A

July 25-28, 2026

2026 Physician Executives Section Program

Physician Executives Section Co-Chairs

M. Natalie Achong, MD, MHL — Chief Medical Officer; Associate Professor; Yale University School of Medicine

Michele Reed, DO — Owner/Medical Director; MS Family Medicine Health Care, P.C.

Program Location: Puerto Rico Convention Center | Room 104A. Saturday and Sunday dinner programs are off-site/special event locations as noted.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

4:00-5:30 PM

Physician Executives Section Dinner Program

INVITATION ONLY

Dinner Program

Hosted by Enlighten Wealth Management Group

Sunday, July 26, 2026

4:00-5:30 PM

What They Don't Tell You About Becoming a Physician Executive

Live Confession Format

Moderator: Yolanda Wimberly, MD, MSc — Chief Health Outcomes Officer; Grady Health

Robert Amajoyi, MD, FACS, FICS, FASCRS — Division Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery; Associate Professor of Surgery; Morehouse School of Medicine / Grady Memorial Hospital

Sheryl E. Allen, MD, MS — Executive Director, Cardiometabolic Health, Product Development; Eli Lilly and Company

Talya Greathouse-Young, MD — Vice President, Medical Affairs; Diplomate; American Board of Family Medicine

Mark Griffiths, MD, MHL — Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine; Emory University School of Medicine

7:30-9:00 PM

Progress & Access: Transforming Lupus Care Through Innovation, Equity, and Early Detection

INVITATION ONLY

Reception and Dinner Program

Morton's The Steakhouse, located at The Caribe Hilton

1 Calle San Geronimo Grounds, Suite 13, San Juan, PR 00901

Hosted by Biogen

Monday, July 27, 2026

8:00-8:45 AM

From Policy to Patients: How Health Policy Shapes Prevention, Access, and Outcomes

Breakfast Session

Moderator: Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH — Chief Medical Officer, Medicaid; Louisiana Department of Health

Sonja J. Hughes, MD, MHA, MLS, FACOG — Vice President, Community Health; Susan G. Komen

William Greenfield, MD, MBA — Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Margot Savoy, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FABC, FAAPL, CPE, CMQ — Chief Medical Officer; American Academy of Family Physicians

8:45-9:30 AM

Policy in Practice: Impacts on Access, Equity, and the Health Care Workforce - Part 2

Moderator: Lauren Powell, MPA, PhD - Head, Health Equity & Clinical Innovation, Drug Development; Biogen

Yolanda Lawson, MD, FACOG - Executive Medical Director, Maternal Infant Health; Health Care Service Corporation; 124th President, National Medical Association

Gilbert Burgos, MD, MPH - President; National Hispanic Medical Association

Sandra Elizabeth Ford-Steward, MD, MBA - President and CEO; BFT Consulting

Veronica Gillispie-Bell, MD, MAS, FACOG - System Medical Director of Health Outcomes; Ochsner Health

9:35-10:20 AM

Value-Based Care Reconstructed: Aligning Payment Models With Patient Outcomes

Moderator: Derick Young, MD, MBA - Medical Director; UnitedHealthcare; NMA Region V Chair

Brian Shackleford, MD - Chief Medical Officer; Kindred Hospital Greensboro; NMA Region III Chair

Nzinga Lowe - Chief Executive Officer & Founder; Pygmalion Health

Michael J.E. Grier, MPH - President & Co-Founder; Black in Health Policy

10:25-10:55 AM

Food as Health: From Nutrition Science to Practical Application with Practitioners and in the Community

Moderator: Winston Price, MD - Vice President of Education & Technology; W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute; President, National Medical Association (2004-2005)

Yolanda Lawson, MD, FACOG - Executive Medical Director, Maternal Infant Health; Health Care Service Corporation; 124th President, National Medical Association

Gilbert Burgos, MD, MPH - President; National Hispanic Medical Association

1:00-1:50 PM	Operational Leadership in an Era of Reform: Lessons from Health System Executives Moderator: Shalettha Jones, MD — Hospitalist; President; Arkansas Medical Dental & Pharmaceutical Association Trudy Hall, MD — Senior Vice President-Chief Medical Officer; TidalHealth Takeisha Charles Davis, MD, MPH — Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President; New Orleans East Hospital Yolanda Wimberly, MD — Chief Health Outcomes Officer; Grady Health
1:55-2:45 PM	Leading When the World Is on Fire Moderator: Nicole Washington, DO, MPH — Chief Medical Officer; Elocin Psychiatric Sheritta Strong, MD, MBA, DFAPA — Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Engagement; University of Nebraska Medical Center Syeachia Dennis, MD, MPH, FAAFP — CMO-Regional VP, Health Services; Humana Health Horizons of Oklahoma
2:50-3:40 PM	The Composed MD: Executive Presence, Emotional Intelligence, and the Power to Lead Moderator: LaTonya Washington, MD, MBA, CPE, CHCQM, FACHE - Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Wellstar Health System Charlotte Jones-Burton, MD, MS - Founder and President; OneWe Reach; Partner; 2Flo Ventures Sadiqa A. I. Kendi, MD, MPH, FAAP - Chief Medical Officer; Safe Kids Worldwide; Associate Division Chief of Academic Affairs & Research, Division of Emergency Medicine; Children's National Hospital Sandra Elizabeth Ford-Steward, MD, MBA - President and CEO; BFT Consulting L. B. Washington, MD, MBA, CPE, FAAP, FACP, FHM, CHCQM-PHYADV, FACHE - Physician Executive
3:45-4:45 PM	Physician Coaching: Elevating Leadership Capacity, Performance, and Patient Care Moderator: Lawrence L. Sanders, Jr., MD, MBA — Chair, NMA Task Force on Physician Coaching; 115th NMA President Deanne McKenzie-Davis, MD, MBA — Executive & Leadership Coach Aaliyah Haqq, COO — Academy for Advancing Excellence Sara Simmons — Executive and Leadership Coach, Consultant, Trainer; Human Capital SME

8:00-8:50 AM	Precision without Representation: Fixing the Gaps in Fertility, Genomics, and Diagnostics Moderator: Leslie Amonoo, MD — Clinical Scientist; UI Health Mile Square Health Center Nakyda Dean, MD, FACOG, MSHIM — Obstetrician-Gynecologist & Provider Informaticist; Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Kimberly Laughman, MD — Obstetrician and Gynecologist; The Association for Women's Health Care Yusuf Henriques — Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO); IndyGeneUS AI Philip Burton — Co-Founder; Healthtech Center for Impactful Innovation
8:55-9:45 AM	The State of AI Moderator: LaTisha Rowe, MD, MBA - Chief Executive Officer; Honeycomb Clinic Martin V. Burks, MD - Pathologist; Carolinas Pathology Group Leslie Amonoo, MD - Clinical Scientist; UI Health Mile Square Health Center Kelenne Tuitt, DO - Chief AI Strategist; AI Edge Solution
9:50-10:50 AM	Environmental Justice as Health System Strategy: Policy, Profit, and Population Health Moderator: Shaneeta Johnson, MD, MBA — Professor of Surgery and Global Health; Associate Dean and Vice President of Global Health Partnerships and Engagement; Founding Faculty, Meharry School of Global Health; Chair of Surgery, Climate Kimberly Williams, PhD — Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives; Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health; NMA Region III Director Cheryl Holder, MD, FACP — Executive Director; Florida Clinicians for Climate Action Kathi A. Earles, MD, MPH, DABOM — Physician Executive, Obesity Medical Liaison; Novo Nordisk
1:00-1:45 PM	The Trifecta for Health: Creating Opportunities for the Next Generation of Physician Leaders Moderator: Veronica Halloway - Executive Director; National Association of State Offices of Minority Health Kimberlee Wych Etheridge, MD, MPH - Senior Vice President, Health Initiatives; Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics/Adolescent Medicine, Meharry Medical College Yanel Powell, CHW-C - Founder & Managing Health Consultant; FullmanPowel Advisory Group Dra. Maggie Rivera - President/CEO; Illinois Migrant Council
2:00-3:00 PM	Physician Executives Section Business Meeting & Officer Elections