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Continuing Medical Education

Intended Audience

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Format

Educational activities will include lectures and panel discussions, followed by question and answer sessions.

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AAI / Pulmonology IM Subspecialty Section Joint Program

Saturday, July 25th
7:45 – 10:45 AM

**Location: Convention Center Internal Medicine Meeting
Room 209**

Multidisciplinary Session on COPD – Pulmonary, AAI and
ENT

Co-Course Directors

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Needs Assessment

The syndemic nature of COPD is under-recognized but represents a major barrier to high-quality care. Even among those physicians who are aware, there is a lack of expert guidance or structural support for multidisciplinary care. Further complicating this picture, both primary and advanced therapies have potentially deleterious interactions with commonly comorbid diseases. Similarly, guideline reserve several treatment interventions for those who are already optimally managed in

other ways. Patients from under-served communities, who have worse overall outcomes, face all these issues more acutely while being less likely to receive specialty care.

Gap Analysis

1. As a disease of senescence, most patients who are diagnosed have multiple other comorbidities.
2. Uncontrolled comorbidities worsen the prognosis of COPD and increase the likelihood of COPD exacerbations
3. Effective control of comorbidities in COPD requires integrative knowledge of multiple subspecialties

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this multi-disciplinary educational seminar, patients will be able to:

1. Summarize areas how uncontrolled disease in other organ systems can negatively impact COPD control
2. Distinguish areas of conflicting sub-specialty recommendation that could adversely impact the COPD care
3. Assess the impact of COPD exacerbations and comorbidity on racially disparate health outcomes
4. Develop multi-disciplinary care plans that seek to simultaneously optimize COPD and other important co-morbid chronic diseases

Agenda

First Hour: Understanding Comorbidities

7:30–7:35 AM	Introduction <i>Aaron Baugh, M.D. M.S.</i>
7:35–7:42 AM	Case Report <i>Wigdan Farah, MBBS, M.P.H.</i>
7:42–7:57 AM	Nasal obstruction/nasal symptoms <i>Lamont Jones, M.D.</i>
7:57–8:13 AM	Upper & Lower Airway Disease <i>Anne Maitland, M.D.</i>
8:13–8:23 AM	Discussion/Question & Answer <i>Anne Maitland, M.D.</i>

Second Hour: Expert Management for COPD

8:23–8:38 AM	“Frequent Exacerbator” Phenotype <i>Aaron Taylor, M.D.</i>
8:38–8:53 AM	Advanced Interventions in COPD <i>Leslie Seijo, M.D.</i>
8:53–9:18 AM	Biologics for Type 2 Inflammation <i>Cleavon Covington, M.D.</i>
9:18–9:25 AM	SGLT-2 Inhibitors and COPD Exacerbation Risk <i>Amie Ogunsakin, MD</i>
9:25–9:32 AM	Discussion/Question & Answer <i>Aaron Baugh, MD MS</i>

Third Hour: Social, Behavioral & Environmental Determinants of Care

9:32–9:47 AM	Air Pollution & Climate Change <i>Michael LeNoir, MD</i>
9:47–10:03 AM	Depression & COPD <i>Napoleon Higgins, MD</i>
10:03–10:18 AM	Neighborhood Quality <i>Matthew Simpson, MD</i>
10:18–10:30 AM	Panel Discussion/Question & Answer <i>Aaron Baugh, MD MS</i>
10:30–10:45 AM	Take Home Messages/Post Test <i>Cheryl Walker-McGill, MD MBA</i>

Joint Symposium: Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics:

Complex Kids, Complex Care: Lessons from Conditions That Refuse to Stay in One Lane

Saturday, July 25th

3:30–5:30 PM

Location: Convention Center, FM Meeting Room 101 AB

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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the shared immunologic mechanisms underlying pediatric asthma and atopic dermatitis and explain their implications for diagnosis, disease severity assessment, and personalized treatment planning.
2. Apply updated, evidence-based guidelines for the management of pediatric asthma and eczema, including appropriate use of stepwise therapy, biologic agents, and strategies to enhance treatment adherence.
3. Recognize the clinical features and diagnostic criteria of alpha-gal syndrome and outline appropriate management, counseling, and prevention strategies.
4. Identify gaps in coordinated care between primary care and subspecialty providers and implement

3:30 – 3:40 PM	Welcome and Introductions <i>Overview of goals and interspecialty collaboration</i> Pre-Test Riba Kelsey, M.D., FAAFP Associate Professor of Family Medicine Residency Program Director Department of Family Medicine Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education Morehouse School of Medicine	4:30 – 5:00 PM	Food Allergy: The Alpha-Gal Syndrome Case Presentation: Cherna Cherfrere, M.D. Hospital Medicine Physician Hospitalist Baylor Scott and White Hospital Waxahachie, TX AAI Speaker: Onyinye Iweala, M.D. Onyinye I. Iweala, M.D., Ph.D., FAAAAI Assistant Professor of Medicine (Allergy and Immunology) Director, Allergy Mast Cell Disorders Program Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, and Immunology UNC Food Allergy Initiative UNC Children’s Research Institute Thurston Arthritis Research Center The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC
3:40 – 4:05 PM	Advancing Care for Pediatric Asthma—Emerging therapies, coordinated care, and case discussions Case Presentation: Riba Kelsey, M.D., FAAFP Emerging Therapies Thomas Scott, M.D., M.M.M., FAAAAI Medical Director at Optum Health Utilization Management Division Birmingham, AL	5: 00 – 5:20 PM	Panel Discussion: Integrating Care Across Specialties – Q&A and shared best practices (all 3 speakers noted above)
4:05 – 4:30 PM	Advancing Care for Pediatric Eczema –Emerging therapies, Case Presentation: Case Presentation: Peds Trainee Derm Speaker: Ginette Okoye, M.D.	5:20 – 5:30 PM	Closing Remarks Post-Test Witzard Seide, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

Sponsored Non-CME Breakfast

Hereditary Angioedema and Skin of Color

Monday, July 27th
7:00–8:00 AM

Location: Convention Center, Room 201B

Talk Title

HAE and Skin of Color

Presenter

Josselyn Matthews, Pharm.D.
Senior Medical Science Liaison
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Learning Objectives

- Describe the underlying pathophysiology and clinical presentation of hereditary angioedema (HAE), including the pediatric population.
- Identify potential differences in clinical presentation among patients with skin of color and describe diagnostic challenges that may contribute to delayed diagnosis.
- Identify disparities in access to care, disease awareness, and treatment utilization among underrepresented patient populations with HAE.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis – Beyond the Guidelines

Monday, July 27th
8:00–10:00 AM

Location: Convention Center, AAI Meeting Room, 207

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Learning Objectives

After this presentation, learners will be able to:

1. Identify clinical features and risk factors associated with food-dependent exercise-induced anaphylaxis.
2. Differentiate FDEIA from other causes of exercise-induced allergic reactions, and develop patient-specific counseling and management plans to reduce the risk of recurrent anaphylaxis.
3. Describe key updates to current spirometry guidelines, including changes in test performance and interpretation.

4. Describe the role of Community Health Workers in supporting asthma education, self-management, and care coordination.
5. Implement strategies to integrate CHWs into asthma care teams while maintaining appropriate clinical oversight.
6. Recognize the impact of obesity on asthma prevalence, severity, and control.
7. Develop strategies for earlier introduction of GLP-1 therapeutic agents in the management of asthma.
8. Identify diagnostic criteria for systemic reactions to Hymenoptera stings.
9. Evaluate the efficacy and indications for Venom Immunotherapy (VIT) in preventing anaphylaxis.
10. Formulate emergency management plans, including proper epinephrine administration and long-term patient education.

Moderator

Ama Alexis, M.D.

8:00 – 8:10 AM	Welcome and Introductions Pre-Test Ama Alexis, M.D., FAAAAI, FACAAI, FAAP Vice Chair, Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University Hudson Allergy	8:50 – 9:10 AM	Topic: Utilization of GLP – 1 Agonists in the Treatment of Obese Asthmatics Anne Staveren, M.D., FAAAAI Board Certified Allergist/Immunologist (Ret) Los Angeles, CA
8:10 – 8:30 AM	Food-Dependent Exercise-Induced Anaphylaxis Tracy Pitt, M.D. Pediatric Allergist Diplomate American Board of Pediatrics, FRCPC (Pediatrics, Allergy and Immunology) Humber Hospital Queen's University Ontario, Canada	9:10 – 9:30 AM	Asthma Education and the Role of Community Health Workers Traci Hardin, M.P.H., AE-C, NCHW Owner BreatheWell SC, LLC
8:30 – 8:50 AM	New Guidance for Spirometry: The Demise of Race-Based Spirometry Bridgette L. Jones, M.D., M.S. Associate Professor of Pediatrics University of Missouri-Kansas City Divisions of Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutic Innovation and Allergy/Asthma/Immunology at Children's Mercy Kansas City, MO	9:30 – 9:55 AM	Venom anaphylaxis: Diagnostic criteria and effective therapies Nancy I. Joseph, D.O., FACAAI Allergist/Immunologist Massachusetts
		9:55 – 10:00 AM	Closing Remarks Post-Test
		9:55 – 10:00 AM	Closing Remarks Post-Test Ama Alexis, M.D.

Malveaux Symposium:

Beyond Access: Aligning Workforce, Technology, Socioeconomic and Geographic Insight to Advance AAI Care

The Annual Floyd Malveaux Symposium is named in honor of our Section founder, the late allergist, Dr. Malveaux. This is our initiative where we discuss medical issues from a policy and public health perspective. This session addresses these interrelated gaps by equipping clinicians with practical strategies to leverage SES-informed data (including tools such as the HOUSES Index), AI, mentorship models, and community partnerships to strengthen the AAI workforce and improve equitable health outcomes.

Monday, July 27th

1:00 – 3:15 PM

Location: Convention Center, AAI Meeting Room, 207

Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Describe current workforce challenges affecting allergy, asthma, and immunology (AAI) practice and patient outcomes.
2. Apply workforce, clinical, and socioeconomic data—including measures such as the HOUSES Index—to identify targeted strategies that improve access and reduce disparities.
3. Evaluate health AI tools and apply governance principles (transparency, accountability, and bias mitigation) to support responsible and equitable implementation in diverse practice settings.
4. Implement mentorship and educational strategies that strengthen the AAI workforce pipeline and promote workforce sustainability.
5. Develop practical approaches to translating research and health policy innovations into measurable, community-level improvements in care delivery and outcomes.

Moderator

Cheryl Walker-McGill, M.D., M.B.A., FAAAAI

1:00 – 1:10 PM	Welcome and Introductions Review of Objectives Cheryl McGill-Walker, M.D., M.B.A., FAAAAI Chair, Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Section Past Chair, Federation of State Medical Boards President, iThinc, LLC	3:00 – 3:05 PM	A Call to Action: Joint NMAAAI, AAAAI, and ACAAI Press Release on Access to Care for Patients with Asthma
1:10 – 1:20 PM	Opening Remarks The NMA Presidential Task Force on AI, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Roger Mitchell, M.D. 126th President, National Medical Association	3:05 – 3:10 PM	Remembering Dr. Malveaux Michael LeNoir, M.D.
1:20 – 1:50 PM	Clinician Engagement in the Development, Implementation, Evaluation and Governance of Health AI Speaker: Dr. Charles DeShazer Co-Chair, NMA Presidential Task Force Senior Physician Executive	3:10 – 3:15 PM	Floyd J, Malveaux Award 2026 Recipient: Ama Alexis, M.D. Closing Remarks Cheryl Walker-McGill, M.D., M.B.A., FAAAAI
1:50–2:20 PM	The Housing Index: Rurality vs SES to Identify Target At-Risk Populations Chung Wi, M.D., Ph.D. Associate Professor at Mayo Clinic Rochester Rochester, Minnesota	3:15 PM	Adjourn
2:20–3:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Integrated discussion on policy, workforce, AI, and SES-informed strategies to improve equitable access and outcomes in AAI care. The panel discussion will highlight effective mentorship models across undergraduate and graduate medical education, discuss strategies to expand training pathways, and examine how mentorship and research engagement influence recruitment, retention, and leadership development in allergy and immunology. Panelists: Dr. Carla Davis President American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Chair, Pediatrics, Howard University Dr. Cherie Zachary President American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Dr. Edmondo Robinson Co-Chair, NMA President's Taks Force Discussion and Q&A		

Allergy / Dermatology Joint Symposium

Monday, July 27th
4:15 – 5:15 PM

Location: Dermatology Room, Sheraton, Laguna Room

Learning Objectives

Following this symposium, the attendee should be able to:

1. Review the current understanding of acute and chronic urticaria
2. Describe evidence-based treatment strategies for urticaria
3. Explain the neuro-immune factors that may contribute to chronic urticaria

Moderator

Maren Shaw, MD
White Plains, MD

4:15 – 4:35 PM	The Hives of It All: A Review and Update on Urticaria Nancy Joseph, MD Boston, Massachusetts	4:55 – 5:15 PM	Question and Answer Closing remarks: Hope Mitchell, MD, Dermatology Chair
4:35 – 4:55 PM	Decoding the Hive: What Chronic Urticaria Teaches Us About Our Neuro-Immune System and Modern Day Living Anne Maitland, MD, PhD Tarrytown, New York		

Faculty Biographies

Ama Alexis, M.D., FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAAAI

Dr. Ama Alexis is an allergist-immunologist in private and academic practice in New York City. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics affiliated with NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Weill Cornell Medical College. Born and raised in Germany, she received her medical degree from the Heinrich Heine Universitaet in Duesseldorf, Germany. She completed her pediatrics residency at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian (Columbia University) and her fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at the North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Center (Northwell Health). She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, a Fellow of the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is double-boarded in Allergy/Immunology as well as Pediatrics. Dr. Alexis is a member of several professional societies, including the New York Allergy and Asthma Society, European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology and the American Contact Dermatitis Society, where she has served on the ACDS Annual Meeting Committee. Passionate about the education, awareness, and empowerment of all individuals and families affected by atopic dermatitis and food allergies, Dr. Alexis advocates for those who suffer and speaks on both topics regionally and nationally.

Carla M. Davis, M.D.

Dr. Davis received her undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Howard University and her medical degree from Duke University. She completed her allergy/immunology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and is currently Professor of Pediatrics and Division Chief of Immunology, Allergy, and Retrovirology in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor. She is the Founder and Director of the Texas Children's Hospital Food Allergy Program, which is an NIH funded program. Dr. Davis is focused on improving the quality of life for infants, children, and adolescents with allergic and immunologic diseases, most specifically food allergy. She developed an expertise in translational research studies for assessment of clinical tolerance to allergic disease and the identification of clinical biomarkers. Her program completed a recent peanut oral immunotherapy trial (POIMD) and published novel mechanistic insights concerning T, dendritic

and regulatory cells. (Davis CM et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract.* 2022 Feb;10(2):566-576.e6. PMID: 34890827).

Her research has also focused on the development of diagnostic and therapeutic advances for food allergy related diseases, including asthma and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases for the past 18 years with a keen interest in the underlying pathogenesis of IgE and non-IgE mediated disease and the microbiome as a contributor. As a clinician scientist, she is committed to finding clinical correlates of active disease and predictors of successful therapy, especially allergen immunotherapy.

She has been dedicated to elucidating the epidemiology, prevalence, and clinical features of allergic disease including asthma in adults and children through national surveys, patient evaluation with challenges, skin and blood testing and immunologic testing in her laboratory. She has published mechanistic studies describing immunologic features of allergic disease to determine immunological biomarkers.

Her interest is the expansion of the current treatments through translational clinical trials and community educational and diversity initiatives. She is currently the principal investigator of multiple epidemiological studies and clinical trials in allergic diseases and health disparities. She has >20 years of experience in clinical care and performing translational, educational and clinical research, and >5 years of experience in academic leadership and diversity initiatives.

She has been elected to be Secretary-Treasurer of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and has served as the Chair of the AAAAI Diversity Task Force and authored a seminal workgroup report on health disparities in allergic and immunologic diseases. (Davis CM et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2021 May;147(5):1579-1593. PMID: 33713767). She also serves on the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Allergy Clinical Immunology In Practice*. She is passionate about serving as a role model and supportive mentor to others while balancing work and family.

Nancy I. Joseph, D.O., FAAAAI

Haitian-born Dr. Nancy Joseph is an award-winning physician (Top Physician Under 40) double board-certified in general pediatrics as well as allergy/immunology currently based in

Massachusetts. She is a consultant and medical advisor for the Allergy & Asthma Network and staff physician at Amwell Medical Group. Dr. Joseph is past chapter officer of the Student National Medical Association and past Chapter President of Sigma Sigma Phi National Osteopathic Honor Society. She is a fellow of the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, and is a past Chair of the Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Section of the National Medical Association (NMA). Dr. Joseph has written several case reports, co-authored a book chapter on the epidemiology of allergic diseases, been a guest on several panels, and given numerous lectures and presentations both local and national. She has been featured on the *Doc*, UR podcast advocating for physician mental health, and was a speaker on Asthma and Allergy Day on Capitol Hill speaking on and lobbying for health equity. She has collaborated with the NAACP speaking about COVID19 and has been featured on NMA Talks as an expert panelist discussing Asthma in the African American Community. Dr. Joseph hosts the *How Do You Medicine?* podcast highlighting healthcare professionals doing medicine their way. This podcast is under her brand, The Dynamic Doc, which she created to inspire and empower others to live life on purpose for a purpose.

Michael Lenoir, M.D., FAAP, FAAAAI

Michael A. LeNoir, M.D., one of the top practicing allergists and pediatricians in the San Francisco Bay Area, is the president (2013–14) of the National Medical Association (NMA).

As an active member of NMA for 30 years, Dr. LeNoir has served as speaker of the House of Delegates, trustee, and chair of Region VI and chair of the Pediatric, Community Medicine and Allergy sections. He has received the De Haven Hixson Award from the NMA Section on Aerospace and Military Medicine, the Grace James Award from the Pediatric Section, and the Floyd Malveaux Award from the Allergy and Asthma Section. Dr. LeNoir has also served as the principal investigator on the Project Impact Grant, the Immunization Grant and on two current asthma grants. In August 2010, he received NMA's Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. LeNoir is an associate clinical professor in pediatrics at the University of California, past chair of the clinical faculty at UCSF, secretary of the Board of Directors at Children's Hospital Oakland, and chair of the Board of the African American Wellness Project. For 20 years, Dr. LeNoir was the director of allergy services at San Francisco General Hospital where he worked on asthma issues in underserved communities. He spent 10 years in the United States Army, rising to the rank of

lieutenant colonel, receiving the Army Commendation Medal and serving as the allergy consultant to the 6th Army Area.

Dr. LeNoir is a lifetime member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI); is a member of the Sinkler Miller Medical Association; has served on the Board of the American Association of Certified Allergists (AACA) and as chairperson of the Underserved Committee of the American Academy of Allergy; and is the past president of the Northern California Allergy Association.

Dr. LeNoir has served as the president of the National Association of Physician Broadcasters (NAPB) and is the recipient of the NAPB Ken Alvord Distinguished Community Service Award. He is a recipient of the American Medical Association's Pfizer Positive Physician Award, has been named the Oakland Citizen of the Year by the Oakland Tribune and twice named one of America's leading African American Allergists by Black Enterprise, and for several years has been named one of the 200 best physicians by San Francisco and Oakland Magazines.

Anne Maitland, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Anne Maitland is a Fellow of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). Her clinical focus is to upgrade efforts to meet the needs of under-served communities, plagued by immune mediated disorders, such as mast cell activation disease, such as rhinitis, anaphylaxis, asthma, and food sensitivities as well as primary immunodeficiencies.

She is an Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, in the Department of Medicine, Division of Allergy & Clinical Immunology; attending physician, Metrodora Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah; the former past Chair of the Committee for the Underserved of the AAAAI; faculty member of the Allergy/Immunology division of the National Medical Association; the Chair of AAAAI Mast Cell Disorders Committee; faculty member of the MCA disorders subcommittee of Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant for with patients diagnosed with a connective tissue disorder, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS). She is the Vice Chair of the NMA Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Scientific Section.

Recent publications describe clinical phenotypes of pediatric and adult patients, coping with an emerging triad of clinical syndromes, an original C.I.N.: Connective tissue Syndromes, including Ehlers Danlos, Immune dysfunction, including mast cell disorders, and Neuropathies..

Josselyn Matthews, Pharm.D.

Josselyn Matthews, PharmD, is a Senior Medical Science Liaison at BioCryst Pharmaceuticals with extensive experience in medical affairs across allergy and immunology. In her current role, she focuses on hereditary angioedema (HAE), engaging with key opinion leaders and healthcare providers to improve patient outcomes by advancing scientific exchange.

Dr. Matthews is an accomplished medical affairs professional with extensive experience building strategic partnerships, delivering clinical education, and supporting access to innovative therapies. She has worked across multiple disease states, including food allergies, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, and gastrointestinal diseases. She is recognized for her ability to synthesize complex clinical data and translate it into clinically meaningful and actionable insights for healthcare professionals.

Tracy J. Pitt, M.D.

Dr. Tracy J. Pitt is a Canadian board-certified Allergist and Pediatrician practicing in her native Toronto. She graduated from Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC in 2004, following studies at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec where she earned a B.S. degree in Psychology in 1997 and graduated on the Dean's Honor List in 1998 with a Certificate of Health and Social Service Management.

She completed her residency in Pediatrics in 2007 at New York Medical College at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, New York, before moving on to complete two years of Allergy and Immunology fellowship and a year of research at the Winnipeg Children's Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 2010. She has published papers on topics such as: asthma, idiopathic anaphylaxis, health disparities and the administration of the H1N1 vaccine in egg allergic patients. Dr. Pitt is a member of the National Medical Association (Allergy Section), the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, where she serves as an Anaphylaxis Committee along with Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee member. She is fluent in French.

Thomas A. Scott M.D., MMM, FAAAAI, FACAAI

Dr. Thomas A. Scott is a Medical Director, Clinical Coverage and Review, Enterprise Clinical Services, Optum Health.

Dr. Scott practiced as a consulting clinician at AllerVie Health (formally, Alabama Allergy and Asthma Center) in Birmingham,

AL. Previously, he served as a physician-executive at Ascension Medical Group - Via Christi, a large multispecialty group medical practice in Wichita, KS. At AMG-VC, he had clinical duties and served as Medical Director and Chair, Division of Medical Specialties.

Dr. Scott is an Alumnus of Meharry Medical College (Nashville, TN) and Wittenberg University (BA – Biology) in Springfield, Ohio. He completed his post-graduate training and served as Chief Resident, Internal Medicine at the Western Reserve Care System (Youngstown, Ohio). He completed a Master of Medical Management degree (MMM) at Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz School of Public Policy, in 2017.

A National Health Service Corp Scholar, Dr. Scott completed four years of service as a general internist at Family Health Centers in Louisville, KY, before accepting and completing an Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases), in Bethesda, Maryland.

He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the American Board of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

Dr. Scott is also a Fellow of the Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Dr. Scott is an active member of the National Medical Association (NMA). He is a two-time past Chair of the NMA Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Scientific Section and represents the Allergy & Asthma Section in the NMA House of Delegates.

Dr. Scott serves on the Meharry Medical College Board of Trustees. He is a life member and President of the Meharry

Anne M. Staveren, M.D., FACAAI

Dr. Staveren is a board-certified Allergist/Immunologist who has practiced in the greater Los Angeles area for over 35 years. She is retired from her former position as Partner/ Senior Faculty and Co-director of the Allergy-Immunology program at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Medical Education, Los Angeles Medical Center. Dr. Staveren has served as Chair of the Allergy-Immunology section of the National Medical Association. She is a Past President of the Charles R. Drew Medical Society and the Association of Black Women Physicians. Dr. Staveren is currently a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine, Program Chair for Region VI of the National Medical Association, and Secretary of Golden State Medical Society

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Cheryl Walker-McGill, M.D., M.B.A., FAAAAI is a nationally recognized physician executive, board-certified allergist and internist, entrepreneur, and healthcare leader with extensive experience in healthcare innovation, physician leadership, responsible Health AI, and expanding access to high-quality care. She is the Chair of the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Section of the National Medical Association.

Dr. Walker-McGill brings a distinguished cross-sector background spanning clinical practice, managed care, academia, population health, medical regulation, and national physician leadership. She serves on the National Medical Association Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Physicians Health Program, and chairs the Governance Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards Foundation.

A graduate of Duke University, where she earned both her undergraduate and medical degrees, Dr. Walker-McGill also

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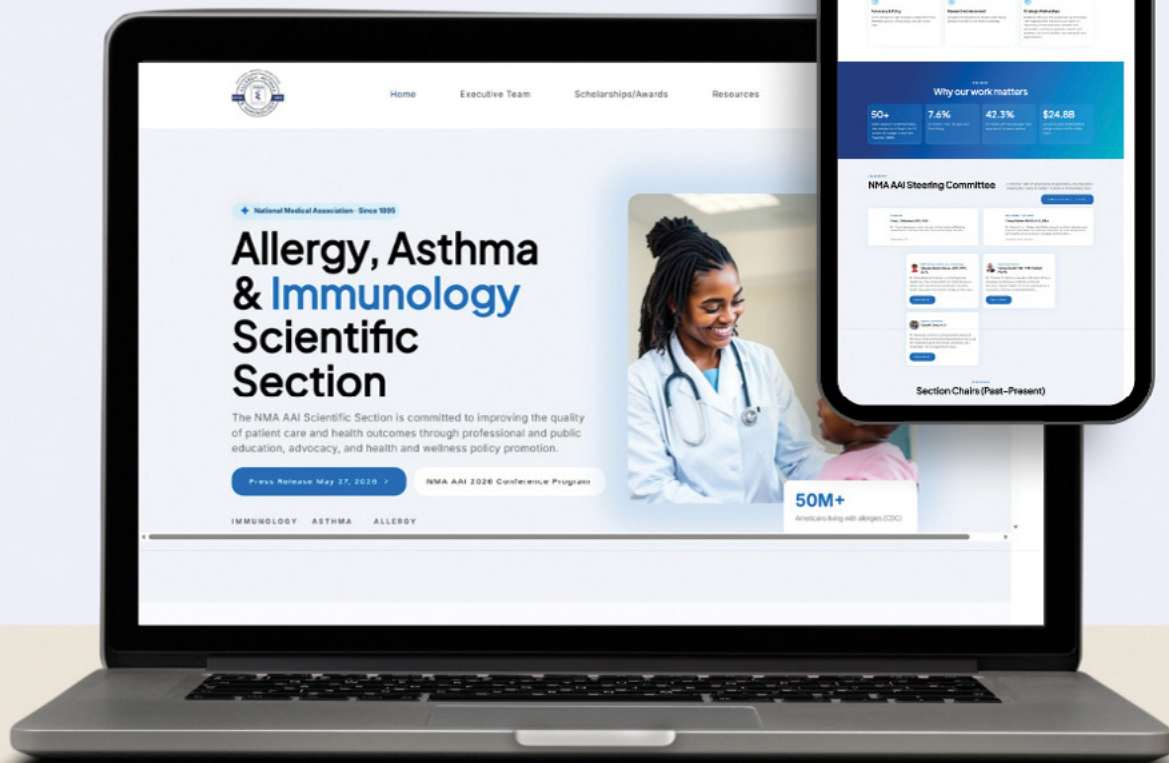
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An award-winning physician leader, Dr. Walker-McGill is the recipient of the National Medical Association's Floyd J. Malveaux Award and, in 2025, was honored with a lifetime achievement award by the Duke University Lambda Omega Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for her leadership in medicine. She is also an executive producer of the documentaries *Someone Else's Shoes* and *As the Sun Rises*, and is currently producing *As the Sun Rises: Part II*. Her work reflects a sustained commitment to medical leadership, historical preservation, access to care, and innovation in the future of care.



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