



**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton E. Holmes, MD, Memorial Lecture Speakers  
In Our Hands: Improving Outcomes for Black Mothers and Infants**



**Angela Doyinsola Aina, MPH** is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, where she works to convene Black Maternal Health professionals and community-based organizations to develop systemic change in global public health. She has over 14 years of public health experience, as a Public Health Analyst, Health Communications Specialist, and a Public Health Prevention Service Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) She holds a Master of Public Health degree in International and Women's Health from Morehouse School of Medicine In March of 2020, she was recognized as a [2020 WebMD Health Hero](#) and highlighted as an advocate for Black Maternal Health in [Time Magazine](#).



**Natalie Hernandez, MPH, PhD** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine and the [Executive Director of the Center for Maternal Health Equity at Morehouse School of Medicine](#). She earned her PhD in public health as well as a graduate certificate in interdisciplinary women's health from the University of South Florida, and her Master of Public Health from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health

Dr. Hernandez's has been dedicated to community-based participatory research (CBPR), women's health inequities, health policy, and social determinants of health. She has more than 16 years of experience in developing community partnerships and implementing CBPR that engages diverse stakeholder groups including health care providers, patient populations, organizational leaders, and policymakers.

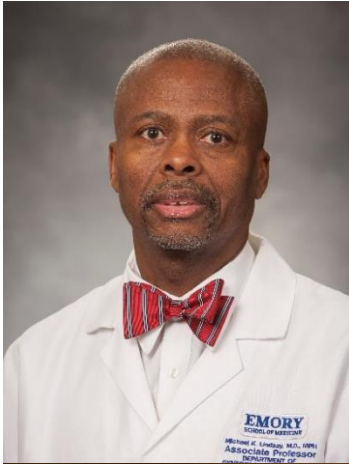


**Rose L. Horton, MSM, RN, NEA-BC** is passionate about nursing and caring for women and infants. All of Rose's clinical experience has been in OB/GYN. She joined Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN) in 1999 and was privileged to serve as a board of director and ultimately as the 2012 President. In 2021, Horton was [tapped by the President Biden's administration to participate in the Black Maternal Health Stakeholder Group](#).

She is currently the Executive Director of Women & Infant Services at Emory Decatur Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. In this role her commitment has been rekindled with a heightened focus on equity, quality, and metrics as the hospital focused on maternal mortality. #notonmywatch has become her mantra. She is committed to doing everything she can to mitigate maternal morbidity and mortality.



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**Michael K. Lindsay MD, MPH** is the Luella Klein Professor and Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, and Chief of [the Emory Obstetrics and Gynecology Service at Grady Memorial Hospital](#). He has dedicated over 30 years to eliminating reproductive health disparities by managing women at increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes and training the next generation of obstetricians and gynecologists. His primary areas of research have included HIV infection, gestational diabetes, substance abuse, and maternal mortality.

Dr. Lindsay received a Doctor of Medicine from Yale University and a Master's in Public Health in epidemiology from Emory University.



**Shalonda Pettis MMSc, PA-C, CHC** is a nationally certified Physician Assistant with over 20 years of clinical experience. She has practiced in multiple clinical settings to include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Urgent Care, and Cardiology. Dr. Pettis is a 2003 graduate of the Emory University School of Medicine's PA Program and later earned her Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) degree from the University of Lynchburg. She has completed a dual fellowship in cardiology and healthcare leadership/administration.

Dr. Pettis works as a PA in urgent care at Piedmont, is the COO of a Covid Testing company for the television and film industry (Essential Screening and Supply Solutions) and the founder and CEO of [Elite Wellness Solutions](#) where clients receive individualized and comprehensive health education and wellness coaching.



**Moderator**

**Cherie Hill, MD** is an Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialist in Atlanta, GA and has over 13 years of experience in the medical field. She graduated from University of California at Los Angeles Center for Health Sciences Medical School and is an Emory School of Medicine 2019 Hidden Gem recipient.