



Tiffani J. Johnson, MD, MSc, FAAP

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Born in NJ, Dr. Tiffani Johnson was raised by a single mother and her village of phenomenal Black women. Her lived experience played an influential role in her career trajectory, including an under-resourced urban public-school education. She earned her BS from Xavier University of LA and MD from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. After residency at Children's National Medical Center, she completed fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and earned her MSc from the University of Pittsburgh. She started her early career at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, then relocated to the University of California, Davis in 2019 where she is a Tenured Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Johnson is a nationally recognized thought leader on racism and its impact on child health who is working to ensure all children achieve their highest level of wellbeing. Her research examines root causes of disparities, including racism in healthcare and society. She has maintained a steady stream of extramural grant funding, currently contributing to multiple NIH R01s. She has the distinction of serving as President of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA, 2024-25). In addition to numerous local awards, she is the distinguished recipient of the inaugural American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Minority Health Equity and Inclusion Award (2021), the AAP Section of Emergency Medicine Jane Knapp Emerging Leader Award (2023) and the AAP Equity, Diversion and Inclusion Award (2023).

Dr. Johnson is an agitator and abolitionist working to dismantle structures of racism. She takes great pride in being the daughter of Kathleen Smallwood Johnson, the favorite sister of Kathryn Sophia Belle, and best Auntie ever! She is a lover of black coffee, Black culture, and Black people.