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Dr. Turley is board certified in pediatrics with subspecialty board certification in clinical informatics. She is the vice chair for research at Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital and professor in the Department of Pediatrics of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine-Charlotte campus.

Dr. Turley's many years as a pediatrician have spanned clinical care of underserved populations in rural and urban settings, education of scores of residents and medical students at 3 different academic institutions, and prevention-focused research. She has received awards for her clinical care, education, research, and innovative clinical programs from the Association of American Medical Colleges, the NIH, academic programs, and community organizations. She has served in multiple leadership roles across the missions of academic medicine, including vice-chair for clinical services (UTMB) and vice chair for research (UofSC, WFUSOM-Charlotte) in different organizations, academic practice plan Associate Chief Medical Director (UTMB), and Chief Medical Officer in a statewide research collaborative organization (SC). She is recognized for her leadership in building collaborations with an emphasis on bridging organizations for mutual benefit.

Her prevention research has been focused in several areas. First, in the area of vaccine safety and efficacy, her work has spanned 25 years with first in human to Phase 3 trials and been funded by the NIH, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the CDC, and multiple vaccine manufacturers. During the past decade, her work has extended to chronic disease prevention, with research on environmental influences on child health outcomes, neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome, understudied drugs in children, childhood obesity, epidemiology of pediatric diabetes especially Type 2 DM, and digital media use by children. This work has been funded by NIH, PCORI, AHRQ, FDA, CDC, and regional foundations. She is recognized for her work in developing research teams and building pediatric research capacity to foster research in underserved, under-represented in research populations.

Dr. Turley has served as a mentor to scores of individuals, from high school to graduate education and is a strong mentor and advocate for junior and mid-career faculty. She is an enthusiastic champion for innovation and the opportunity that research provides for reducing health disparities and advancing healthy futures. She continues to see patients, educate the next generation of physicians, and lead research programs at the Levine Children's Hospital and the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Charlotte.

Dr. Turley received her medical degree at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami Pediatric Residency Program.