

Joseph L. Wright, MD, MPH is Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He previously served as a Chief Medical Officer within the University of Maryland Medical System, Chair of Pediatrics at the Howard University College of Medicine, and spent more than two decades in senior leadership at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC. He maintains appointments as adjunct professor of emergency medicine, pediatrics, community health, and health policy at the George Washington University Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Academically, Dr. Wright is among the nation's original cohort of board-certified pediatric emergency physicians with scholarly interests that include the needs of underserved communities and has contributed over 120 publications (h-index 46) to the scientific literature. He has been recognized for long-standing humanitarianism and leadership in emergency medicine and injury prevention with career achievement awards from the Academic Pediatric Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Injury Free Coalition for Kids and Safe Kids Worldwide as well as prestigious community service honors bestowed by the University of Maryland and George Washington University. Dr. Wright earned a BA from Wesleyan University, MD from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, and Master of Public Health in Administrative Medicine and Management from George Washington University.