

## Group on Women in Medicine and Science Virtual Seminar

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## **Co-Moderators:**

**Marja Hurley, MD**, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Professor of Medicine and Orthopedics Institutional Designee, AAMC, Group on Women in Medicine and Science, UConn Health.

**Rebecca Andrews, MD, MS, FACP,** Professor of Medicine, Physician Lead of Farmington Internal Medicine Associates; Physician Lead of PCMH and CT Comprehensive Pain Center, Associate Program Director and Director of Ambulatory Education for the Internal Medicine Residency Program, UConn Health.



Guest Speaker

## Sherene Mason, M.D., MBA, FAAP

Division Head of Nephrology, Connecticut Children's Medical Center Director of Dialysis and Apheresis Services, Robert R. Rosenheim Endowed Chair of Nephrology Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine

## "Race-based eGFR: Is it all in the numbers?"

Sherene Mason, M.D., MBA, FAAP received an undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut and earned a dual M.D. and Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine (UConn SOM). She later studied at Yale in General Pediatrics where she was elected as Pediatric Chief Resident in 2009-2010. As a Pediatric resident she was awarded funding by the American Academy of Pediatrics to design and implement an empowerment program for the families of the Yale Primary Care Center for Pediatrics. Further training at Yale University School of Medicine resulted in her subspecialty practice as a board-certified pediatric nephrologist. During her fellowship Dr. Mason completed research examining pathways important in renal tubular repair following renal injury. She was awarded the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Fellow's Research Award in Basic Science for her work. She is currently the Division Head of Pediatric Nephrology, Director of Dialysis & Apheresis Services and the Inaugural Robert R. Rosenheim Endowed Chair of Nephrology at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. She is the first woman of the African diaspora and Jamaican heritage to have such an esteemed position in the history of the children's hospital. At the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Dr. Mason is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics where she has helped to shape the career of future physicians.

Dr. Mason is committed to advancing the knowledge in childhood kidney diseases, co-authoring several peerreviewed journal articles and, most recently a chapter on childhood lupus nephritis (LN) in an international textbook on pediatric kidney disease. She is a recipient of the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA) grant to further clinical research in childhood LN. Research interests also include health disparities in the delivery of and access to care. Dr. Mason's commitment to healthcare extends to board service and leadership roles to effect change: elected past Board member for Connecticut Children's Specialty Group, Medical Advisory Board for the Connecticut Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation, Medical Advisory Council of Make-A-Wish Connecticut and Steering Committee Member of the Pediatric Residency DEI group. Within her larger community Dr. Mason serves as a board member of Read to Grow and is a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., an international public service organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of women and families. Dr. Mason is also a member of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Society of Nephrology, and CARRA.