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Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs *Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative*

Doctors Academy Parental Seminar Series Guest Speaker: **Camelia Lawrence, M.D., F.A.C.S**

Topic: Breast Cancer

Date: March 10, 2021

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Virtual Presentation: Cisco WebEx Access Website



Dr. Camelia Lawrence, MD, FACS, is a board-certified surgeon specializing in benign and malignant breast disease. She has fellowship training in advanced breast cancer surgery, including skin- and nipple-sparing mastectomy, sentinel node biopsy and oncoplastic techniques. Dr. Lawrence also serves as assistant professor of surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where she works with medical students and surgical residents, nurturing her personal interest in teaching the future generation. She holds membership in the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Breast Surgeons and the American Society of Surgical Oncologists.

Dr. Lawrence earned her bachelor's degree from Fordham University and her medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. She completed her residency at New York Medical College and then entered her fellowship training in breast surgical oncology at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, CA. She currently serves as director of breast surgery for the Hospital of Central Connecticut and Midstate Medical Center, responsible for further developing their breast programs.

Dr. Lawrence co-authored a book chapter entitled "Benign Breast Diseases," published in *Berek and Novak's Gynecology*, 2012. She has served as a peer-reviewer for journals, and her scholarly activities have yielded abstracts, poster presentations and papers. Her research interests span a wide array of topics related to breast health, including findings related to health disparities in breast cancer. Additionally, she has traveled to South Africa as a delegate from the United States for the Annual AORTIC conference on "Cancer in Africa: Bridging Science and Humanity."

Commitment to public service has earned Dr. Lawrence numerous awards, including the 2020 Denise Taft Davidoff Empowerment Award for Mid-Fairfield County Dress for Success, the Dr. Kenneth Woodard Memorial Award, Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club's Dr. Edwin Robinson Humanitarian Award, and the Carrie-Ann Smith Award. In 2015, the Urban League of Southern Connecticut chose her to receive the Woman of Power Award during its Women's Empowerment Summit. She also was awarded the 2017 Doctor of Distinction Award for Fairfield County, the American Cancer Society Award for Women Leading the Way to Wellness, and the Susan G. Komen Inaugural More Than Pink Honor for her commitment to breast cancer care. More recently, she received the 100 Women of Color Award in Hartford and the Southern Connecticut Black Chamber of Commerce Business Woman of the Year Award.

Dr. Lawrence advocates for women's health, especially breast cancer care, in public speaking engagements, TV interviews, articles, presentations, and involvement with Susan G. Komen New England, for which she is vice president of its Board of Directors. She volunteers her time and knowledge to support numerous organizations throughout the state, including the Board of Directors for the Women's Medical Association of Fairfield County and the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain. She is a trustee for the Discovery Museum and the Fairfield County Medical Association, and she is a member of the Connecticut Department of Public Health Breast Medical Advisory Board. She also is the vice president of Fairfield County Medical Association.

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