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Doctors Academy Parental Seminar Series

Guest Speaker: Oladipo Cole, M.D.

Topic: Sickle Cell Disease

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Dr. Oladipo Cole is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He serves as the Associate Director of both the Connecticut Bleeding Disorder Center and the New England Sickle Cell Institute. Dr. Cole earned his medical degree from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine. Following medical school, he complete a prestigious NIH-sponsored research fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine, where he investigated disparities between unaffiliated sickle cell disease (SCD) patients and those who regularly follow up with SCD specialists.

Dr. Cole completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), excelling in the management of complex cases while providing compassionate care to his patients, which he was awarded the Milton and Joan Bagley award for Humanistic and compassionate medical intervention. He then pursued a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, focusing on bone marrow transplantation for non-malignant conditions and researching pregnancy outcomes in Sickle cell disease. He is deeply passionate about advancing curative and transformative therapies for hemoglobinopathies and serves on the American Society of Hematology (ASH) guideline panel for SCD and hydroxyurea as well as serving on several ASH committees.

Dr. Cole has held numerous leadership positions both locally and nationally. He has published many peer-reviewed articles, co-authored medical book chapters and published original research manuscripts. As a mentor to young physicians and a frequent speaker at medical conferences, he is committed to advancing patient care and clinical best practices.