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2026 Bridge to the Future Health Career Pathways Mentoring Conference

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Keynote Speaker

Fludiona Naka, MD, MPH
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Fludiona Naka, MD, MPH, is a board-certified dermatologist with Hartford HealthCare Medical Group in Farmington and Glastonbury, Connecticut. She serves as Chief of Dermatology at St. Vincent's Medical Center and as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Quinnipiac University, where she is dedicated to teaching and mentoring future physicians. Dr. Naka completed her dermatology residency at Columbia University – New York Presbyterian Hospital, where she served as Chief Resident, following her internal medicine internship at Yale New Haven Hospital. She earned her medical and public health degrees from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and her bachelor's degree in biology and Neuroscience from Wesleyan University. An accomplished researcher and published author, Dr. Naka has contributed to peer-reviewed literature on teledermatology, pediatric dermatology, and various clinical dermatologic conditions. She is passionate about community service, health equity, and expanding access to healthcare for underserved populations. A longtime advocate for mentorship, she has been involved with UConn's Health Career Opportunity Programs (HCOP) since 2005, first as a student and now as a mentor to aspiring healthcare professionals. Dr. Naka was named Best Dermatologist in Farmington for 2026 by BusinessRate and nominated for Hartford HealthCare's 2026 Spirit of Medicine Award. Her numerous honors include the Mulvihill Medal for Academic and Research Excellence in Public Health, Dean's Research Award, Outstanding Women in Medicine and Science Award, and Urban Service Track Leadership Award. Fluent in English, Albanian, and Spanish, Dr. Naka brings a compassionate, evidence-based, and public health-focused perspective to patient care, medical education, and community advocacy.