

Candidate for Director
Adora Okogbule-Wonodi, MBBS FAAP BSc



Current Position

Clinical Associate Professor
Howard University
Washington, DC, United States

Primary Specialty

Neonatology

Education

- 1989 M.B.B.S. in Medicine from College of Health Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- 1986 B.Sc. in Physiology from College of Health Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Qualifications

ABM Involvement

- Co-Chair, Neonatology SIG, 2023 – Present
- Chair, Finance Committee, 2021 – Present
- Treasurer, Executive Committee, 2021 – 2025
- Member, Executive Committee, 2021 – 2025
- Member, Protocol Committee, 2016 – 2022
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Other Breastfeeding Medicine Leadership

- Medical Director, CHAMPS Team, Howard University Hospital, 2024 – Present
- Medical Director, BLESS Committee, Howard University Hospital, 2021 – Present
- Chair, Breastfeeding Best Practices Committee, University of Maryland Medical Center, 2013 – 2015

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Member, Finance Committee, Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas, 2024 – Present
- Review Editor, *Frontiers in Pediatrics* Journal, 2023 – Present
- Speaker, Pathful Connect (formerly Nepris Long Distance Learning), 2015 – Present

Candidate Statement

I enthusiastically submit my application for membership on the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) Board of Directors. My volunteer experiences with ABM and other organizations have honed my participative leadership skills. I have served the ABM in various capacities over the past ~10 years and I am in the second term as the Treasurer concomitantly serving on the Executive Committee. I desire to continue collaborative work with Leadership to ensure ABM remains a relevant and financially buoyant leader in the field of breastfeeding and lactation medicine. I have also volunteered on the Protocol Committee and other subcommittees.

Outside of ABM, I lead the hospital-based BLESS Committee (Breastfeeding and Lactation Education and Support Services) and CHAMPS Steps Team, both of which aim to improve local breastfeeding rates and maternity care practices. I am a finance committee member of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas, a review editor on the Frontiers in Pediatrics Journal editorial board and a volunteer speaker for Pathful Connect (kindergarten – 12th live, virtual learning platform).

If elected to The Board, my goal is to continue to collaboratively focus my efforts on the advancement of the organization's strategic goals.

I am grateful for your consideration.