

# Women's Healthcare Leadership Panel

## Meet the Panelists



**Latecia Abraham-Hilaire, DHA**  
Associate Professor,  
Academic Affairs Faculty

Director, Public Information and  
Community Outreach Program

Dr. Latecia Abraham-Hilaire, DHA, serves as Associate Professor with Academic Affairs Faculty and as Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, South Carolina. In addition, she serves as Principal Investigator of U.S. DOE's Community Leaders Institute, and as Chair of the Culturally Sensitive Care National Conference.

Dr. Abraham-Hilaire earned a Doctor of Health Administration degree and a Master in Health Administration degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. She also completed Leadership South Carolina in 2001.

Her research interests include health, cancer, and gender disparities. She is an author of numerous peer-reviewed articles, and she teaches an Interprofessional Public Health Course.

Her most recent accolades include the following:

- Charleston Church of Christ's 2023 Black History Recognition Award,
- MUSC's 2021 Academic Affairs Faculty "Member of the Year,"
- MUSC's 2019 Outstanding Facilitator of Interprofessional Courses Award, and
- 2015 and 2018 Bronze Telly Awards for the *Zip Code* and *Sea Change* national made-for-television dialogues with over 80 million viewers.

She is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), the American Public Health Association (APHA), and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Dr. Abraham-Hilaire is a native Charlestonian who has over 25 years of community outreach experience, and she is committed to continuing the student pipeline and building and sustaining healthy communities to eliminate health disparities nationwide.



**Amy Engevik, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor,  
Regenerative Medicine & Cell Biology  
College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Amy Engevik received her PhD in systems biology and physiology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2015. Dr. Engevik did her postdoctoral research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Dr. Jim Goldenring's lab where she conducted biomedical research analyzing the pathogenesis of a congenital diarrhea disorder. Dr. Engevik started her lab at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2021. Her research focuses on understanding mechanisms that contribute to gastrointestinal health and disease. Dr. Engevik's work has been published in prestigious journals, received numerous awards and is recognized for its use of advanced imaging techniques.

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**Theresa S. Gonzales, DMD, MS,  
MSS, COL, (Retired), USA**  
Chair, Department of Advance  
Specialty Sciences

**Professor & Director,  
Ryan White Dental Clinic  
College of Dental Medicine**

Theresa began her collegiate studies at the College of Charleston. She split her studies between English literature and the basic sciences. She graduated from the Medical University College of Dental Medicine in 1984 and entered military service as an unobligated volunteer. Subsequent her graduation from MUSC, she completed a General Practice Residency at Moncrief Army Hospital and was then posted to Europe at the height of the Cold War. From Europe, she was assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, where she was classically trained as an oral and maxillofacial pathologist. She later completed a two-year fellowship in orofacial pain management at Walter Reed/Bethesda Medical Center.

In 2013, she retired from the United States Army Dental Corps after a long and distinguished career in active federal service to this Nation. Prior to her retirement, she was a nominative selection as the Director of Strategic Communications for the Army Surgeon General. She has commanded formations in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. Prior to her successive command selections, she served as Force Dental Surgeon of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in El Gorah, Egypt, Director of Orofacial Pain Management, and as a Staff Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her alternate wartime role was as a member of the Department of the Army forensic dental team. This team's primary mission is the repatriation of those personnel lost in combat theater.

She has received the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Surgeon General's A designator for clinical excellence. In 2008, she graduated with distinction from the United States Army War College.

Theresa recently returned to full time academic healthcare after completing five years of service as the Executive Director of the American College of Dentists. Previously, she served as the Associate Dean of Curriculum and Strategic Communication at Medical University of South Carolina James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine (MUSC CDM). Dr. Gonzales has authored over seventy-five scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and was the recipient of the International College of Dentists Award for Excellence in Research.



**Aundrea Loftley, M.D.**  
Associate Professor, Medicine &  
Endocrinology  
Department of Internal Medicine  
College of Medicine

Aundrea E. Loftley, M.D., is an associate professor of medicine and endocrinology in the Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolic Diseases at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). She is originally from Columbia, SC and currently resides in Mount Pleasant with her husband Charles, 7-year-old son Andrew, 16-month-old son Lucas and Boston terrier "Pork Chop".

Dr. Loftley completed her medical school training, internal medicine residency and endocrinology fellowship at MUSC and is board certified in both internal medicine and endocrinology. In 2015, after completing her fellowship in endocrinology, she established the first outpatient endocrinology practice for McLeod Physician Associates at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, South Carolina.

Her major clinical interest is in health disparities related to diabetes and chronic disease outcomes. In addition to providing care for patients, she is committed to undergraduate medical education through service as a Master Clinical Skills Teacher, pre-clerkship endocrinology lecturer, and a Fundamentals of Patient Care Preceptor. Her engagement in graduate medical education includes her role as an Internal Medicine Residency Associate Program Director. Dr. Loftley also serves as Vice Chair for Diversity and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine and was recently named the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Service in Medicine Award by the College of Charleston Alumni Association.

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Dr. Susan Newman is a native of Johns Island, SC. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Clemson University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a PhD in Nursing Science from MUSC. She is currently a tenured Associate Professor and the Assistant Dean of the Ph.D. in the Nursing Science Program in the College of Nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse with clinical experience in acute inpatient medical rehabilitation, caring for individuals with various disabilities, including spinal cord injury. Her research interests include the application of community-engaged research approaches to address issues affecting community participation, health, and overall quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injury. She has served as Vice-Chair of MUSC's IRB 1 since 2011. She is president-elect of the nursing section of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals.

**Susan Newman, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor & Assistant Dean,  
Ph.D. in Nursing Program  
College of Nursing**



Dr. Williams-Lowe serves as Chief Pharmacy Officer, System Administrative Officer for the Pharmacy ICCE (Integrated Center of Clinical Excellence) for Medical University South Carolina (MUSC) Health and Senior Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs for the MUSC College of Pharmacy in Charleston, South Carolina. She provides oversight for pharmacy services across the MUSC Health System.

Dr. Williams-Lowe has over 20 years of healthcare executive experience leading and transforming clinical and operational teams, implementing new pharmacy programs, practice models and training students and residents. She has served in ambulatory, retail, and hospital pharmacy roles and most recently in regional and system administrative roles at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System where she provided oversight for pharmacy hospital and clinic operations in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Dr. Williams-Lowe is originally from Barbados and has achieved several firsts as a pharmacist and executive leader, including coordinating the first training of Barbadian Pharmacists in the US for IV chemotherapy medication preparation, being the first black and female Hospital Pharmacy Director at an Academic Medical Center in New Hampshire and supporting the establishment of the first affinity support group for families of color in one of the school districts in Vermont.

**Marva Williams-Lowe, PharmD,  
MHA, FACHE**  
**Chief Pharmacy Officer,  
System Administrative Officer,  
Pharmacy ICCE (Integrated Center  
of Clinical Excellence)  
MUSC Health**

Dr. Williams-Lowe holds a Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and a Master of Health Administration from Ohio University. She was selected and participated in the inaugural Carol Emmott Fellowship program for exceptional women leaders in health in 2017 and in 2021 earned the status of Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dr. Williams-Lowe received the MUSC Health 2023 Dean Golod Award in appreciation of her dedication and contributions to the Pharmacy Profession and the 2024 Excellence in Diversity Award from the Student National Pharmaceutical Association.

**Senior Associate Dean,  
Clinical Affairs  
College of Pharmacy**

Dr. Williams-Lowe serves as a mentor for several professional organizations and is actively engaged in and committed to community outreach and advocating for health equity.