

# NGOZI O. EZIKE, MD



## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Medicine | University of California, San Diego School of Medicine**

1999

Student Commencement Speaker

San Diego, CA

**Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude | Harvard University**

1994

Field of Concentration: Chemistry

Cambridge, MA

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Director | Illinois Department of Public Health**

FEBRUARY 2019 – PRESENT

**Medical Director | Cermak Health Services**

OCTOBER 2009 – FEBRUARY 2019

Juvenile Temporary Detention Center or Cook County

**Medical Director | Austin Health Center**

APRIL 2007 – OCTOBER 2009

Juvenile Temporary Detention Center of Cook County

**Attending Physician | Cook County Health and Hospital Systems (CCHHS)**

SEPTEMBER 2003 – FEBRUARY 2019

Juvenile Temporary Detention Center or Cook County

## POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

**Harvard Business School – Credential of Readiness (CRe) Program | Boston, MA**

FEBRUARY 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2015

Digital learning program providing a primer on the fundamentals of business through a compilation of integrated courses: Financial Accounting, Business Analytics, and Managerial Economics

### **Leadership Greater Chicago (LGC) Fellowship Program | Chicago, IL**

JULY 2010 – JULY 2011

Leadership development program for selected Chicagoland residents promoting in-depth study of complex urban issues while fostering partnerships and analytical skills needed to address them

### **Executive Faculty Development Program | Atlanta, GA**

SEPTMEBER 2003 – MAY 2004

Longitudinal program sponsored by National Center for Primary Care (NCPC) focused on leadership and administrative skills, clinical teaching skills, grant writing, publishing for the medical literature and cultural competency.

### **Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center | Chicago, IL**

JULY 1999 – JUNE 2003

Combined Residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics



## **ACADEMIC APPOINMENT**

- Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Rush Medical College | Chicago, IL



## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP)
- Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)
- Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)



## **CONGRESSIONAL HEARING TESTIMONIES**

### **House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

“No Time to Lose: Solutions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations in the States”

### **House Committee on Homeland Security**

MARCH 4, 2020

“Confronting the Coronavirus – Illinois’ Response to a Pandemic Threat”

### **House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

“E-Cigarettes and Lung Disease – Rising Problem among Youth”



## MEDIA EXPERIENCE

### Daily COVID-19 Update Press Conferences

MARCH 2020 – PRESENT

Provided daily COVID-19 updates to Illinois in English and Spanish alongside Governor

### Local and National Television Interviews

Interviews in English and Spanish for networks including CNN, MSNBC, Good Morning America, Telemundo and Univision

### Local and National Radio Interviews

Interviews in English and Spanish for networks including NPR, BBC and local radio stations



## AWARDS

- 2020 Motorola Solutions Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award | The Civic Federation
- Spirit of Excellence Award in Healthcare | Southland Ministerial Health Network
- NAAHR Chicago 2020 Leadership Award | National Association of African Americans in Human Resources
- Freeing the Human Spirit Award | Habilitative Systems, Inc.
- Exceptional Leadership and Impact Award | Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois
- Citizen of the Year Award 2020 | Chicago Magazine
- President's Award 2020 | Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
- Most Inspiring Chicagoans of 2020 Award | Streetwise Magazine
- Cook County Health Foundation 2020 Gala Honoree | Cook County Health Foundation
- Voice of Reason Award 2020 | Heartland Health Centers
- Health Innovator Award 2020 | Health Equity Impact Awards and Virtual Gala, Erie Family Health Centers
- Outstanding Public Service Award 2020 | Prairie Rivers Network
- Lester McKeever Award 2020 | 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Fellowship Dinner, Chicago Urban League
- Go the Distance Award at Little Steps 2019 | Big Stars Gala, Chicago Run
- National Resident Education Program Award 2002 | American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
- Rebecca Lee, MD Award 1999 | Association of Black Women Physicians



## RESEARCH/COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS

### National Coalition for Transgender Rights in Detention (2018) | Washington, DC

Appointed as medical expert to national coalition by Center for Children's Law and Policy to develop a model policy governing conditions impacting transgender youth in detention facilities

### 3K/5K Run/Running Program at Juvenile Detention Center (2017 - 2019) | Chicago, IL

Created the 1<sup>st</sup> ever onsite running program for the detention center residents. Each cycle consisted of a seven-week trauma-informed running program led by professional trainers culminating in 3K/5K race.

### **Sexual Health and Wellness Initiative (2014 – 2019) | Chicago, IL**

Collaborated with facility mental health providers to devise and implement a four-class sexual health curriculum for the female residents of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

### **Influenza Immunization Campaign (2010 – 2019) | Chicago, IL**

Devised and implemented an annual influenza immunization program for the residents of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center which involved educational in-services to the residents to answer questions and dispel myths about the flu and the flu vaccine, an annual weekend blitz to immunize all residents at the facility, and ongoing immunizations for all newly admitted residents upon admission.

### **Diabetes Intervention Project (2003 - 2009) | Chicago, IL**

Participated in “Care Improvement Collaborative” to create innovative care processes for diabetic patients utilizing group visits and supported self-management.

### **Nosocomial Pertussis Outbreak Project (2002) | McHenry, IL**

Preceptor: Rita Rossi, MD Participated in collaboration with Illinois Public Health Department to examine case reports, identify risk factors, and ascertain the knowledge and practices of physicians located in a Pertussis-endemic county.

Poster Presentation at Rush University Forum for Research and Clinical Investigation, April 2003

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### **Hanover Health Department (1999) | Hanover, JAMAICA**

Preceptor: Jonathan Godfrey MD

Saw patients in local government clinics and hospitals in Hanover while living with a host Jamaican family for six weeks.

### **University of CA, San Diego School of Medicine (1998) | San Diego, CA**

Preceptor: Jonathan Godfrey MD

Preceptor: Ellen Beck MD

Investigating the social and economic barriers to preventive health care in African immigrants and the results of ethnocentric health seminars in overcoming those barriers.

Poster Presentation at International Health Medical Education Consortium (IHMEC), March 1999

### **Research Education and Institute (Summer 1996) | Los Angeles, CA**

Preceptor: Diane Gaspard RD, MPH Organized and personally implemented community health promoting events such as in-services to community health care workers on iron deficiency anemia and breastfeeding as well as comprehensive health fairs.

### **University of California, Los Angeles (Summer 1995) | Los Angeles, CA**

Preceptor: Beatriz Lares, MD

Initiated preliminary study and data collection on pediatric immunization records and the factors resulting in failure to maintain up to date immunization status.



## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Speaker, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine Medical Grand Rounds**

“Hurricane COVID- the Illinois Experience”

*October 2020*

**Speaker, University of Chicago Med-Peds Grand Rounds**

“COVID -19: Lessons Learned and Re-Learned”

*October 2020*

**Speaker, Harvard University Green Medicine Initiative**

“Environmental Health and Justice”

*October 2020*

**Panelist, Harvard University Forum with NPR and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

“The Coronavirus Pandemic: Serious Impacts on Minority Communities in U.S. Cities”

*September 2020*

**Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 mortality during an outbreak investigation in a skilled nursing facility**

Oxford Academic - Clinical Infectious Diseases

*June 2020*

**First known person-to-person transmission of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in the USA**

The Lancet Volume 395, Issue 10230

*March 2020*

**Speaker, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Annual Educational Conference**

“Infant, Child and Adolescent Health in Illinois”

Naperville, IL

*February 2020*

**Speaker, Care, Compassion, Creativity: Restructuring HIV Care for ALL! National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Event**

“IDPH Initiatives that Impact HIV/AIDS in Black Communities”

Springfield, IL

*February 2020*

**Presenter, Teamwork to Reduce Infant, Child, and Adolescent Mortality Symposium** Sponsored by the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators

Chicago, IL

*December 2019*

**Presenter, New Local Administrator Training (IPLAN Training)**

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators

Springfield, IL

*November 2019*

**Speaker, National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America**

“Building Multi-National Collaboration through Leadership, Education and Practice”

Chicago, IL

*November 2019*

**Speaker, Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative’s 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

Lombard, IL

*November 2019*

**Panelist, March of Dimes and Medela LLC Panel**

“Addressing the Rising Infant and Maternal Mortality Rates in Illinois”

Chicago, IL

*October 2019*

**Speaker, Annual AIDS Foundation Chicago Run & Walk**

Chicago, IL

*October 2019*

**Presenter, Midwest Regional NSSP Data Sharing Workshop**

Presentation for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Syndromic Surveillance Data Sharing Workshop

Chicago, IL

*August 2019*

**Presenter, MLP-Illinois Speaker Series Loyola School of Law**

“Challenges of HIPAA and Data Sharing”

Chicago, IL

*July 2019*

**Presenter, ‘Gun Shot Wounds in Youth and Medical and Mental Health Effects: The Cook County Experience’**

Workshop delivered at National Conference for National Commission on Correctional Health Care

Chicago, IL

*October 2017*

**Speaker, “Gun Shot Wounds in Juveniles: Perspectives from the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center”**

Webinar sponsored by Juvenile Health Committee of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC)

*September 2016*

**Speaker, ‘Children and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in the Juvenile Justice System’** Webinar

sponsored by Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)

*June 17, 2014*

**Speaker, ‘Access to Healthcare for Vulnerable Populations’**

Webinar sponsored by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

*March 26, 2014*

**‘Juvenile Health Care - From Cavities to Chemical Addiction’**

Corrections Today Volume 75. No 5.

*November 2013*

### **Obesity in Detained Youths Workshop**

Delivered at National Conference on Correctional Health Care  
Baltimore, MD  
*October 2011*

### **Moderator, Breakfast Roundtable Discussion on STI Testing**

National Conference on Correctional Health Care  
Baltimore, MD  
*October 2011*

### **'Dealing with the STI Epidemic in Urban Juvenile Detention Setting: The Cook County Experience'**

Poster Presentation at National Conference on Correctional Health Care  
Baltimore, MD  
*October 2011*

### **'Monthly Diabetic Health Fair Model of Care Responds to Patients' Needs'**

Oral Presentation CDC Diabetes and Obesity Conference  
Denver, CO  
*May 2006*

### **'Monthly Diabetic Health Fair Model of Care Improves Efficiency of Patient Education and is Associated with Better Clinical Outcomes'**

Poster Presentation at Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) National Meeting  
Los Angeles, CA  
*April 2006*

### **'Novel Diabetes Care Model Improves Efficiency, Satisfaction, and Goal Attainment'**

Poster Presentation at Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) Midwest Regional Meeting  
Chicago, IL  
*September 2005*

### **'Introduction of Solid Food: Who Calls the Shots'**

Clinical Pediatrics Vol 44 No. 9 November – December 2005 p 821

### **'Physician Awareness and Recognition of Pertussis Symptoms'**

Poster Presentation at Rush University Forum for Research and Clinical Investigation Chicago, IL  
*April 2003*

### **'Nigerian Immigrants' Knowledge and Utilization of Cancer Screening Modalities'**

Poster Presentation at International Health Medical Education Consortium (IHMEC)  
San Diego, CA  
*March 1999*



## **MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

### **Getting to Zero Implementation Council**

Co-Chair

### **ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officers)**

Member

**Academy of Correction Health Physicians**

Member

**PHAT Life (Preventing HIV among Juvenile Offenders)**

Advisory Board Member 2014-2017

**GirlForward (non-profit organization aiding refugee girls)**

Board Member 2014 -2018

**Society of General Internal Medicine**

Membership Committee 2005-2007

**Journal of General Internal Medicine**

Manuscript Reviewer 2006-2008

**National Commission on Correctional Health Care**

Education Committee 2011-2015



**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**French, Spanish and Igbo:** Advanced speaking and writing

**Swahili:** Basic proficiency



**PREVIOUS TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

Preceptor for Medical Students, Medical Interns, and Medical Residents,

Physician Assistant Students, and Nurse Practitioner Students

Physical Diagnosis for 2<sup>nd</sup> year RUSH Medical Students

History and Physical Writing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year RUSH Medical Students

Inpatient Ward Internal Medicine Attending Physician at Stroger Hospital

Inpatient Ward Pediatric Attending Physician at Stroger Hospital

Intern Communication Class – Instructor for Mock Patient Interviewing