



Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo, Florida Department of Health

On September 21, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Dr. Joseph Ladapo as Florida Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health. Dr. Ladapo, MD, PhD, is a physician and health policy researcher whose primary research interests include clinical trial interventions and reducing the population burden of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Ladapo was recently granted a professorship at the University of Florida (UF) College of Medicine. Prior to joining UF, he was an Associate Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine caring for hospitalized patients. Previously, he served as a faculty member in the Department of Population Health at NYU School of Medicine and as a Staff Fellow at the U.S. Food

and Drug Administration. Dr. Ladapo graduated from Wake Forest University and received his MD from Harvard Medical School and his PhD in Health Policy from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He completed his clinical training in internal medicine at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Ladapo and his wife have three young children.