

## **Carol L. Brown, MD**

Carol L. Brown, MD, is a board-certified gynecologic oncologist who is the Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the incumbent of the Nicholls-Biondi Chair for Health Equity. Dr. Brown also serves as Vice Chair of Health Equity in the Department of Surgery. She holds academic appointments as Attending Surgeon and Member at MSK, and Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Dr. Brown's career is focused in three areas: providing high-quality and compassionate surgical care to women with gynecologic cancer; wiping out cancer health disparities; and promoting public policy to increase awareness, improve care, and increase research funding for gynecologic and other cancers.

As MSK's Chief Health Equity Officer, Dr. Brown works to address cancer disparities that exist due to racial, ethnic, cultural, or socioeconomic barriers. She is responsible for center-wide initiatives focused on the reduction and elimination of cancer disparities experienced by medically underserved populations. This includes efforts to increase participation in clinical trials such as the Cancer Health Equities Research Program (CHERP), a unique partnership between MSK investigators and community oncologists to bring MSK clinical trials to underserved patients at their local institutions.

As part of CHERP, in collaboration with MSK's Center for Molecular Oncology, Dr. Brown also directs IMPACTED (Integrated Mutation Profiling of Actionable Cancer Targets to Eliminate Disparities). This program provides low income and racially and ethnically diverse patients access to MSK-IMPACT™, a genomic profiling tool used to identify mutations driving their cancer, which can then lead to targeted therapies. Dr. Brown was honored to speak about cancer disparities and the Cancer Moonshot initiative at the White House United State of Women Summit, and to attend the Cancer Moonshot Summit in Washington, DC, in June 2016.

As Director of MSK's Office of Diversity Programs in Clinical Care, Research, and Training since 2005, Dr. Brown established and continues to lead career development programs for high school, undergraduate, and graduate medical students at MSK. More than 700 underrepresented minority students (URM) have participated in MSK's efforts to recruit, retain, and promote URM faculty and increase URM representation in oncology. In addition, Dr. Brown gave the 12th annual Minorities in Cancer Research Jane Cooke Wright Memorial Lecture at the American Association of Cancer Research annual meeting in Washington, DC, in April 2017.

Dr. Brown's national leadership positions include serving as the 50th President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO), former Co-Chair of the NRG Oncology Health Disparities Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Biden Cancer Initiative. She was the first African American female to lead the SGO, an organization whose 2,000 members are dedicated to caring for women with gynecologic cancers and advancing research in the field. During her tenure, Dr. Brown established new

committees including Ethics, Governance, Conflict of Interest, and Diversity & Inclusion; expanded membership to include physicians and scientists outside the US; advanced practice providers and patient advocates; and increased the racial, ethnic, gender identity, sexual orientation, geographic, and private practice diversity of all committees and task forces.

In October 2021, Dr. Brown was appointed to the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents. Her membership in other professional societies include the National Medical Association, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the American Association for Cancer Research. She is a Fellow of both the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Surgeons and serves as an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Additional honors and awards for Dr. Brown include: Harvard University's Joseph Garrison Parker Prize; Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; the Malcolm X Memorial scholarship from Columbia University; and the American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Career Development Award. Dr. Brown was named one of "America's Leading Physicians" by *Black Enterprise* magazine in 2001 and 2008; listed in "Top Doctors in the New York Metro Area" by Castle Connolly every year since 2008, listed in "Best Doctors in America" from 2001 to 2020; and named a Notable Black Executive by Crain's New York Business in 2021. Dr. Brown has appeared as a medical expert on CNN, BET, the *Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *Spectrum News NY1*, and the *CBS Evening News*, and has been quoted in *Redbook* magazine, and the *New York Times*.

Dr. Brown graduated with honors from Harvard University and received her medical degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her clinical and research fellowships in gynecologic oncology at MSK where she has been a faculty member in the Department of Surgery for 27 years.