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Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom has been a board-certified emergency medicine physician for 30 years and Chair of the Gail and Lois Warden Endowment on Multicultural Health. In 2003, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed her the nation's first state-level surgeon general.

In 2012, President Obama appointed Dr. Wisdom to serve on the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health. She focuses on health care equity, infant mortality/maternal and child health, chronic disease, physical inactivity, unhealthy eating habits, and tobacco use. Most recently, Secretary Azar appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health.

Dr. Wisdom provides strong leadership in diversity, population health, and improvement of the health of those disproportionately affected by poor health outcomes. She founded the award-winning program African American Initiative for Male Health Improvement and the women-inspired neighborhood network: "Detroit to reduce infant mortality." As Michigan Surgeon General, Dr. Wisdom founded the nationally known Generation with Promise program, a youth leadership empowerment, nutrition education, and physical activity promotion effort now housed at Henry Ford.

Under Dr. Wisdom's leadership, the health system has received numerous awards for its equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts, including the American Hospital Association Equity of Care Award in 2015, and has ranked in the top 10 for DiversityInc's Top Hospitals and Health Systems for a decade. Dr. Wisdom has authored many peer-reviewed publications; appeared on national television, including ABC's Nightline; and has presented to audiences across the country and internationally.