



Leon McDougle, M.D., M.P.H., is the 1st African American Professor with tenure in The Ohio State University Department of Family Medicine and he's the 1st Chief Diversity Officer 'Aka Chief Collaborating Officer' for the OSU Wexner Medical Center. A graduate of the University of Toledo and OSU College of Medicine, he completed the family medicine residency at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, California, and earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy. In addition, he received an honorary doctorate

degree from the Eastern Virginia Medical School, May 15, 2021.

Dr. McDougle's research career has been focused on eliminating health disparities and increasing diversity of the biomedical and behavioral science workforce. He's currently working on projects involving cross-cultural communication, anti-racism, inclusive excellence, and pharmacogenomics of simvastatin-induced myopathy in African Americans.

Dr McDougle has been recognized nationally for clinical excellence as being among the Top 10% of healthcare providers for patient satisfaction and among the Best Doctors in America. Dr McDougle was also recognized by Black Entertainment Television (BET) during the 35th Gospel Music Stellar Awards for service during COVID-19 pandemic, Aug 24, 2020.

Dr McDougle was elected to serve as the 121st President of the National Medical Association August 3, 2020 for 1 year term ending July 19, 2021. Dr McDougle was elected to serve as the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Diversity and Inclusion national Chair (2013-2015). He also serves as the National Medical Association representative on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group.

Dr McDougle is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He was elected to membership within the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, faculty. He is a member of the Rhema Christian Center and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. A native of Sandusky, Ohio, Leon and his wife, Natasha Jones-McDougle, M.Ed. are the proud parents of two daughters.