

Charlotte Cardiologist Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

Dr. Yele Aluko Recognized for Service, Leadership and Patient-Centered Care

Cary, NC — Yele Aluko, MD, MBA, FACC, a Charlotte interventional cardiologist, is the recipient of the distinguished 2016 T. Reginald Harris Memorial Award. The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) presents this annual award to physicians with outstanding achievements in health care quality and service to the medical community.

The award was presented by the North Carolina Medical Society President Paul Cunningham, MD, during the M3 Conference on September 17 in Greensboro, NC.

Dr. John B. Smith, chairman of CCME's board of directors said, "We are very pleased to present this award to Dr. Aluko in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the improvement of quality health care, service to the medical community, and life-long commitment to patient-centered care in North Carolina and abroad. He exemplifies the values that Dr. Harris brought to health care and CCME."

Dr. Aluko is a medical community consultant and speaker serving on the Wake Forest University School of Business Executive Board, the Carolinas Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Charlotte World Affairs Council. He is Treasurer of Mecklenburg County Medical Society, Secretary of Discovery Place and Nature Museum, and a member of the National Medical Association. Dr. Aluko founded the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas, supports the HeartBright Foundation, and is Chairman of the Bylaws Committee for the Association of Black Cardiologists. His passion for addressing health disparities led him to organize an annual series of Community Health Symposia in Mecklenburg County, raising awareness about regional racial and gender health inequities.

As Senior Vice-President, Dr. Aluko oversees cardiovascular strategic planning, program growth and development, and standardizing clinical, operational and business processes at Novant Health Heart's Heath and Vascular Services in Charlotte, NC. He serves as the medical director at Novant Health's Heart and Vascular Institute and specializes in interventional cardiology.

Dr. Aluko obtained his medical degree in 1978 from the University of Ibadan Medical School in Nigeria, West Africa. Following medical school, he completed an internal medicine residency and fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He also completed fellowships in invasive cardiology at Cornell University Medical Center and interventional cardiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. In 2014, Dr. Aluko obtained his master of business administration from Wake Forest University School of Business. He contributes editorial opinions to local and national media and is a thought leader on cardiovascular medicine issues. He has earned several distinguished awards, including the Thurgood Marshall Award of Excellence, Richard Vinroot International Achievement Award, Charlotte Top Doctors Award, and the Association of Black Cardiologists Best Practice Award.



2016 Harris Award recipient Yele Aluko, MD, MBA, FACC, (right) with NC Medical Society President Paul Cunningham, MD, (left) at M3 Conference on September 17, 2016.