

# Dr. PEARL D. MCMILLAN

## BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Pearl McMillan is the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Wellness, The Bahamas. In this role she serves as the chief technical officer with responsibility for oversight and leadership for health of the country and advisor to the Minister of Health on all medical and public health matters. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) is responsible leading the implementation of public health policies and supervising technical teams. In collaboration with the Permanent Secretary, the CMO ensures infrastructure, policies, and systems support efficient and effective health services, health promotion and disease prevention, while managing and executing key aspects of the Essential Public Health Functions to protect population health.

Prior to undertaking this position, she served as the Director of Public Health, for the Department of Public Health contributing in a management and technical capacity for oversight of Community Health Clinics across The Bahamas, as well as the implementation of National Public Health Programs and Initiatives. Before obtaining the Directorship, she was appointed to the Policy and Planning Unit, Ministry of Health, as a technical officer where she contributed to activities which informed the establishment of national policy objectives and priorities.

Born in New Providence, her early education was obtained at Bahamas Academy. She later attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science at Oakwood University, Huntsville Alabama having initially focused on a pre-med pathway. Some years later, a renewed interest in obtaining a Medical Degree led to successful completion of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB BS) at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica and following completion of the required rotating internship her clinical practice centered in the Emergency Room (ER).

Developing a determined focus toward active influence in health protection, promotion and disease prevention while in the ER she matriculated out of the direct clinical care environment transitioning into the Ministry of Health, for national level impact on health outcomes of the population. Following this decision, Dr. McMillan obtained a Master of Public Health Degree concentrating on Public and Community Health Education at the University of Maryland, USA and later a Doctor of Public Health Degree at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

Dr. McMillan is an ardent proponent of wellness and in her leisure time she enjoys photography, fishing, traveling and spending time with family.