

30 years of experience in health care, over 20 years of leadership experience

Dr. Sandra L. Lindsay, DHSc, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FADLN

Dr. Sandra Lindsay is a globally recognized nurse, public health advocate, and healthcare leader dedicated to advancing equity and access in healthcare. She made history on December 14, 2020, as the first person in the United States to receive the COVID-19 vaccine outside clinical trials becoming a beacon of hope and trust during a time of global uncertainty.



She currently serves as Vice President of Public Health Advocacy at Northwell Health, where she champions initiatives to reduce health disparities, improve access to care, and advance health equity. She has been instrumental in organizing life-changing surgical missions to underserved communities in her native Jamaica focusing on women's health and spearheading the Dignity for All initiative through her Sandra Lindsay Foundation, which addresses period poverty and provides young girls with access to essential health resources.

Dr. Lindsay holds a Doctor of Health Sciences from A.T. Still University, A Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from Hofstra University, and a Master of Science in Nursing from Herbert Lehman College. Her exceptional contributions to healthcare have been recognized with two honorary doctorates – one from her alma mater Hofstra University and another from Mercy University. With over three

decades of experience as a critical care nurse, nurse leader, and advocate, Dr. Lindsay continues to inspire others through her speaking engagements, community service, and mentorship. She frequently collaborates with organizations, academic institutions, and global leaders to build sustainable healthcare solutions.

Sandra is a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, the nation's highest civilian honor among several other accolades for her unwavering commitment to healthcare and humanity. She is a celebrated author, with her memoir, *First in Line: How COVID-19 Placed Me on a Healthcare Crisis*, detailing her extraordinary journey from her upbringing in Jamaica to becoming a symbol of hope and a voice for the underserved.

A proud immigrant, Sandra credits her upbringing for instilling the values of caring and sharing, which guide her personal and professional endeavors. When she's not changing lives through her advocacy, Sandra enjoys traveling, exploring fashion, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. Her story continues to inspire countless individuals to live with purpose and strive for a healthier, more equitable world.