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LeWanza Harris serves as the Chief Quality Officer for Emory Healthcare, effective September 2024. LeWanza is a highly respected transformational enterprise physician leader, who has a proven track record of driving system-wide efficiencies and improvements by collaborating and leading cross functional teams in highly matrixed environments; standardizing, integrating, and aligning models of care to drive clinical excellence and health equity; streamlining processes and operations in risk management, quality, safety, and regulatory affairs; and leveraging technology and analytics to improve patient outcomes.

At Mount Sinai, she was the Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs for the Mount Sinai Health System. In this role, she provided strategic leadership and oversight for all clinical quality functions across the health system to achieve organizational goals related to clinical excellence, regulatory compliance and quality management.

At NewYork-Presbyterian, she served as the Associate Chief Quality Officer for NewYork-Presbyterian/Ambulatory Care Network and MCIC Vermont Associate Chief Quality Officer/Associate Chief Medical Officer for NewYork-Presbyterian. She concurrently served as the Liaison to the Weill Cornell Physician Organization and ColumbiaDoctors Faculty Practice Organization. She was responsible for strategic leadership and alignment of quality, patient safety initiatives and risk reduction strategies to meet organizational goals. Prior to these roles, Dr. Harris served as Associate Chief Quality Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian/Allen Hospital. A board-certified family medicine physician, Dr. Harris was an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. She received her medical degree, Master of Public Health, and completed a family medicine residency at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. Harris received her MBA from Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management and Master of Science in healthcare leadership from Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Harris was a Ruth L. Kirchstein AHRQ Health Services Research & Policy Fellow. She completed the Greater New York Hospital Association/United Hospital Fund Clinical Quality Fellowship. She was honored by Becker's Healthcare for *2024 Black Leaders to Know*.

Dr. Harris is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, National Medical Association, and National American Heart Association Quality Healthcare Certification Science Committee. She is a fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine. She served as the Vice Chair, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) Statewide Steering Committee on Quality Initiatives. She is on the board of directors of Entertainment 2 Affect Change. She previously served on the American Heart Association, NYC Board of Directors.