McNeal-Trice Named Chief Graduate Medical Education Officer/ACGME Designated Institutional Official at UNC Hospitals and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the UNC School of Medicine

Dr. Kenya McNeal-Trice has been named the Chief Graduate Medical Education Officer/ACGME Designated Institutional Official at University of North Carolina (UNC) Hospitals and the Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine, effective January 2021. Dr. McNeal-Trice replaces Dr. Clark Denniston who announced in September his intent to step down from this role.

Dr. McNeal-Trice is a Professor, Director of the Pediatrics Residency Program, and Vice Chair of Education in the Department of Pediatrics at the UNC School of Medicine. She earned a BS in Biology from Spelman College and an MD from Wayne State University School of Medicine. She completed pediatric residency training at UNC Hospitals’ North Carolina Children’s Hospital, and served as Pediatric Chief Resident at WakeMed Hospitals. Dr. McNeal-Trice returned to Chapel Hill in 2007 to join the faculty as an Assistant Professor and assume a leadership role as Associate Director of Medical Student Education in Pediatrics. In 2010, she became the Director of Medical Student Programs in Pediatrics and was selected to become the Pediatric Residency Program Director in 2014. She leads a diverse, nationally-ranked training program of 67 trainees that includes residency positions in Categorical Pediatrics, Primary Care, Preliminary Pediatrics, and Child Neurology. Dr. McNeal-Trice has dedicated her career to implementing curricula and policies promoting an equitable and inclusive learning environment at all levels of academic medicine.

"We are excited for Kenya to join our senior operations group at the Medical Center," said Janet Hadar, President of UNC Hospitals. "This is a vital role in ensuring the highest quality education for our more than 1,000 graduate medical trainees." In her new role, Dr. McNeal-Trice will be responsible for the educational components and the operations of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs at the University of North Carolina Hospitals and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine -- Chapel Hill campus. Some of her key responsibilities include oversight of all GME programs sponsored by UNC Hospitals, ensuring the highest quality training in all programs and compliance with accreditation requirements, and providing strategic guidance on program growth. Dr. McNeal-Trice will be an integral member of the Medical Staff Executive Committee, the Residency Oversight Committee, and she will chair the Graduate Medical Education Committee.

Dr. McNeal-Trice lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, Rodney, and two daughters, Zuri and Sala.