Vivian Pinn, MD is a globally recognized pioneer and leader in the medical sciences. In 1991, Dr. Pinn became the first permanent director of the Office of Research on Women’s Health at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The only woman and the only woman of color in her class at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, she went on to become the first woman of color in the United States to chair an academic pathology department, at Howard University College of Medicine.

Dr. Pinn led NIH efforts to include women and minorities in clinical research. She also focused on sex differences research, from cellular to translational research to the implementation of healthcare. Over the course of a long and fruitful career, she has received more than 300 awards and was the first African American to be named to Modern Healthcare’s Hall of Fame. In addition, The American Medical Association (AMA) presented Vivian W. Pinn, M.D., who they named as‘a groundbreaking academic and public health official’, with the Distinguished Service Award. The award honors a member of the AMA for meritorious service in the science and art of medicine And, just one week ago, she was awarded The Alma Dea Morani, MD Renaissance Woman Award. This recognizes an outstanding contemporary pioneer in the medical sciences. Recipients demonstrate professional excellence, a thirst for knowledge, and service beyond their medical practice or scientific endeavors.

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Panelists

Gloria A Bachmann MD, MMS, received her AB cum laude from Rutgers, her MMS from Rutgers Medical School and her MD from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her Ob/Gyn training also at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bachmann is currently at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Director of the Women’s Health Institute, the Associate Dean for Women’s Health and the Medical Director of the PROUD Gender Center of NJ. She has been active in many NIH trials as an investigator, co-investigator and principal investigator, including the major study in menopausal hormonal therapy, entitled the Women’s Health Initiative.

Sherri-Ann M. Burnett-Bowie, MD, MPH, received her AB cum laude in Biochemical Sciences at Harvard College; her MD at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; and her MPH at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Burnett-Bowie completed primary care internal medicine residency and endocrinology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Dr. Burnett-Bowie is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and a clinical investigator in the MGH Endocrine Unit, where she is the site principal investigator for the SWAN Study, a multi-site, 24-year longitudinal study of menopause. Promoting diversity and inclusion is her core mission and shapes her educational focus and administrative roles. Dr. Burnett-Bowie is an Associate Director of the MGH enter for Diversity and Inclusion and the Director of Multicultural Affairs for the MGH Department of Medicine.

Sioban D. Harlow, PhD, received her BA from University of California at Berkeley and her PhD from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Dr. Harlow is a Professor of Epidemiology and Global Public Health at the School of Public Health and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan. She is founding editor of the journal Women’s Midlife Health. She previously served on the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, Division of Reproductive Health Research, World Health Organization. Her research focuses on understanding patterns of menstrual function and gynecological morbidity across the lifespan, including most recently leadership in studies of the natural history of ovarian aging, development of a staging system for reproductive aging, and studies of the interface between ovarian aging and chronic disease. Internationally, she works on the impact of global trade and export production on women’s health and on the health impacts of conflict-related gender based violence. She is the site principal investigator for the SWAN Study, the multi-site, multi-racial/ethnic 24-year longitudinal study of menopause.

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