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Dr. Caesar leads the Community Health & Engagement Department, which connects hospitals, clinics, and communities to expand access to clinical care, research services, and health education. Using data-driven approaches that align with community needs and patient experience, she leads multiple teams that deliver targeted clinical, social, and community interventions to reduce the inequities behind health disparities.

Dr. Caesar is an Assistant Research Professor in the UNC School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and an Adjunct Professor in the UNC School of Government, where she teaches in the Master of Public Administration program. She grew up in public health, and her professional experience has touched every social determinant of health, from healthcare and education to housing, economic development, and social and community context. Her advocacy and community engagement lead others to connect and collaborate on the issues impacting North Carolinians.

Dr. Caesar is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and a Senior Certified Human Resources Professional (SHRM-SCP) who specializes in leadership, organizational behavior, inclusion and belonging, and health equity. Her research interests include workplace stress and neurodivergent leaders. She holds a PhD in Leadership Studies, an MS in Public Health, and a dual BA in African American and African Studies and Health Education. She serves on multiple boards nationally and within North Carolina.

Outside of work, Dr. Caesar enjoys time with her husband, two children, and dog. She is an avid doll enthusiast who collects American Girl dolls and enjoys binge-watching a variety of TV shows and movies.