



Russell Pierre
Jamaica

Dr Russell Pierre is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of the West Indies and Consultant Pediatrician in the Department of Child and Adolescent Health, University Hospital of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. Following completion of his undergraduate medical education from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, in 1984, he proceeded to pursue postgraduate training in Pediatrics (Diploma in Child Health, 1989; Doctor of Medicine, 1992) and Public Health (Master of Public Health, 2001) at the same institution. He subsequently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Critical Care Pediatrics at the University of Bristol / Bristol Royal Hospital for Children in the United Kingdom (2001-2002). The foundation for his body of work in HIV is based on training and clinical research in Pediatric & Perinatal HIV (2002-2005, mentor Professor Celia DC Christie). Pierre has been working professionally in pediatric HIV medicine for the almost twenty years. He is a consultant and collaborator with the Jamaica Adolescent, Pediatric & Perinatal HIV/AIDS Program. Through this program he has participated in National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) funded observational cohort studies in pediatric and perinatal HIV, and in an Elizabeth Glaser Pediatrics AIDS Foundation funded Pediatric and Perinatal Leadership Initiative for comprehensive scale-up of prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission, pediatric HIV care, antiretroviral treatment, training and mentorship in Jamaica. More recently he is investigating the transition of adolescents with chronic disease including those living with HIV.

His primary research interests center on pediatric and perinatal HIV/AIDS, and include research on the epidemiology of pediatric HIV/AIDS in Jamaica, outcomes-based research on impact of interventions for treatment and care of infected children and adolescents, and prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission. He has also conducted research on community-based risk-reduction interventions in adolescents. He is actively involved in mentoring medical graduates in HIV medicine, treatment and care.

His other professional interests include medical curriculum development, and research in measurement and assessment in medical education. As a result in August 2018, he was appointed Director, Health Professions Education Unit, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mona Jamaica. In this capacity he has spearheaded several interprofessional faculty development training initiatives.

He is an active member of the International AIDS Society, and has been an abstract reviewer or mentor for the International AIDS Conference and International AIDS Society conferences since 2012. His other significant reviewer role is with the CIPHER Grant Programme. His professional memberships have included the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the HIV Medicine Association, the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, the Paediatric Intensive Care Society (UK), and the Advanced Life Support Group.