

## 231+ Black healthcare leaders to know | 2024

Diversity in healthcare leadership results in a more well-rounded experience for patients and providers.

Becker's is thrilled to honor these Black healthcare leaders. The leaders featured on this list are shaping the patient experience, educating and training the next generation of healthcare providers, and furthering equity and inclusion.

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**Sharon Brickhouse Martin. Vice President of Health Services Integration at VHC Health (Arlington, Va.).** Ms. Brickhouse Martin is responsible for leading, planning and managing strategic initiatives and complex projects that require coordination across multiple VHC Health departments and service lines. She works collaboratively to ensure successful project completion and integration across the entire health system. She has a long-standing commitment to women's health, and leads the team that developed the new Charlotte Stump Benjamin Center for Women's Health, a space designed by and for women to provide seamless care delivery over the course of women's lifetimes. She was selected to lead the project due to her years of project management experience, and she led the team in creating the 26,000-square-foot space from inception to opening in just nine months. The women's health services team has seen great success since opening, with an increase of health encounters by patients seeking primary care, gynecology, obstetrics, cardiology, maternal fetal medicine and breast care. The unification of women's healthcare in one space not only makes it more convenient for patients, but the increased communication and collaboration between providers also furthers VHC Health's mission to consistently offer the highest level of medical care.