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Dr. Connell is a scholar, Academic Internist/ Hypertension Specialist, and public health policy activist. He is currently full-time tenured-faculty as Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor equivalent) in Clinical Pharmacology in the Department of Preclinical & Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Cave Hill Campus, The UWI. He holds the portfolio of Deputy Dean of Recruitment & Research.

Dr. Connell received his undergraduate and postgraduate training in medicine from the UWI St. Augustine & Cave Hill Campuses and graduated with MBBS and DM Internal Medicine degrees in 2000 and 2006 respectively. He was awarded a Barbados National Development Scholarship in 2007. He was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy degree on completion of studies from King's College London. He joined the Faculty of Medical Sciences as Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology in 2011 and assumed duties of Deputy Dean- Phase 1 in August 2014.

Dr. Connell is a Consultant Physician at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and is Consultant-in-Charge of the hospital's Resistant Hypertension clinic. He is

also a member of the QEH's Drug & Therapeutics committee and Chair of the Specially Authorized Drugs (SAD) committee. He is a past member of the Barbados Medical Council, of the Ministry of Health, and is Chairman of the Drug & Therapeutics Committee of the Barbados Ministry of Health and Wellness.

Dr. Connell is the current President of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition, the CARICOM mandated civil society organization aimed at advancing the regions mandate of reducing the burden of non—communicable diseases (NCDS) as outlined in the 2008 Port of Spain Declaration. He is a former President of the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Barbados from March 2011-2017.

Dr. Connell was the Principal Investigator on the US CDC/PAHO **Standardized Hypertension Treatment Project - Barbados pilot** from April 2014- April 2016. This pilot expanded into the WHO-PAHO Global HEARTS Initiatives, an intervention aimed at improving hypertension control rates in primary care. HEARTS has been implemented in more than 30 countries worldwide

Dr. Connell is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the largest international College of doctors. He was elected as the **youngest Governor for the ACP** as Governor of the new Caribbean Chapter in 2015 for two years term. In 2014, Dr. Connell was awarded the College's International Fellowship for research and collaboration with the University of South Carolina. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) and local Chief Examiner for the Royal College Physician MRCP examinations.

For his contributions to hypertension and cardiovascular science, he was invited to Fellowship of the American College of Cardiology (FACC).