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ABC MISSION:

To promote the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease including stroke, in Blacks and other minorities and to achieve health equity for all through the elimination of disparities.

September 6, 2022

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Dear Dr. Pemu:

On behalf of the board of directors and membership of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), we are truly delighted to honor you as the 2022 recipient of the *Dr. Walter M. Booker Sr. Health Promotion Award* at our *13th Annual Spirit of the Heart Awards Gala & Fundraiser*. This black-tie event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead in Atlanta, GA. Your distinguished career, including community advocacy, spans decades and is to be celebrated.

The **Dr. Walter M. Booker, Sr. Health Promotion Award** (formerly the Dr. Walter M. Booker, Sr. Innovation Award) was created in 1990 to recognize innovative programs designed to prevent and reduce cardiovascular diseases in African Americans. Dr. Walter M. Booker, Sr., the award's namesake, was a founding member of the ABC and a leading proponent of community-based cardiovascular disease prevention and reduction programs. The ABC Awards Selection Committee was impressed with your notable achievements as a clinician, scientist, educator and advocate for workforce diversity. Equally noted is your established national reputation as an innovator in pioneering technology that has helped thousands of patients to achieve self-management of chronic conditions like diabetes. Your passion for addressing health disparities is also demonstrated through innovation in patient centered care with culturally congruent coaching (C3), which is shifting the paradigm of patient provider communication in healthcare delivery. Your storied career extends beyond the walls of clinic and well into the community and abroad. The successful partnerships you have created through the Morehouse School of Medicine's award-winning Community Physicians Network (CPN) are working collaboratively to save lives and improve care and outcomes for minority and underserved patients. Your awards are numerous and congratulations on being selected as a 2022-2023 fellow of the

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prestigious *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM).

The annual awards gala is designed to celebrate accomplishments that align with ABC's mission to advance health equity and eliminate cardiovascular health disparities in Blacks and other minorities. This night of inspiration features patients and family caregivers sharing inspirational stories of advocacy and survival; awards are conferred in the areas of health promotion and trailblazing accomplishments in workforce development and diversity. The proceeds from this event are used to support the expansion of ABC's community programs and scholarships for deserving students interested in careers in medicine. Thank you in advance for opening doors to your family, friends, associates and other potential donors interested in attending this event.

Dr. Pemu, again, we extend our congratulations! You are an amazing leader and deserve the spotlight to celebrate your achievements. Our logistics team will contact you directly to share additional details and to arrange lodging accommodations (if needed) at The Grand Hyatt Buckhead.

If you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact our Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Cassandra McCullough, at 404-964-3171 or cmccullough@abcardio.org.

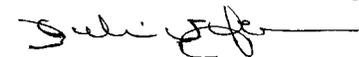
Sincerely,



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President, Association of Black Cardiologists



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Founded in 1974, the ABC is a nonprofit organization with an international membership of 2,000 healthcare, lay professionals, corporate and institutional members. The ABC's mission is *to promote the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease, including stroke, in Blacks and other minorities and to achieve health equity for all through the elimination of disparities.* The ABC's deep roots in the community anchor the Seven Steps to a Healthy Heart focusing on the daily practice of cardiovascular risk factor control, and its education initiatives are further enriched through continuing medical education, clinical research and building the workforce pipeline. The ABC has always advocated for better health care for all as embodied in our tagline: *Saving the Hearts and Minds of a Diverse America.*