



**Patrice Walker, MD FACOG  
Chief Medical Officer  
Navicent Health**

Dr. Walker began her journey in medicine as a native of Monroe County. She graduated from Mary Persons High School and then attended Georgia Institute of Technology, earning a degree in applied biology. Inspired by the mission of the School of Medicine, she returned to Middle Georgia to earn her medical degree from Mercer and complete her residency training at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. Dr. Walker is now a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist and is employed by the Navicent Health Physician Group. She is an active member of the medical staff. Prior to transitioning to hospital administration full time, she sat on several committees and served as the Medical Director of the OBGYN Medical Staff for the 2016-2018 term.

Teaching has always been a passion for Dr. Walker. After working in the private sector for a number of years, she has become an educator of resident physicians and medical students. This was accomplished through her appointment as associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Mercer, as well as taking on the role of clerkship director for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Navicent Health. She is a three-time recipient of the National Faculty Award presented by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology for promoting high standards of residency education. From January 2017-October 2018, Dr. Walker held the position of Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Mercer University School of Medicine for the Macon and Columbus campuses. During her tenure she was able to increase the cultural competency of students and faculty while creating the opportunity for ongoing conversation and initiatives about diversity, equity and inclusion.

On September 1, 2019 Dr. Walker assumed the role of Chief Medical Officer at Navicent Health. As the first African American and female in this role she is poised to affect change in the organization and surrounding community in a unique way.

In her free time, she enjoys cooking and spending time with her husband, daughter and stepson.