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From an early age Dr. Wanda Whitten- Shurney was exposed to the sickle cell movement. As her visionary father Dr. Charles Whitten recognized the need for national awareness and support when he co-founded the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, now known as The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. Dr Shurney has over 30 years of experience providing high quality and compassionate care for children with sickle cell disease at the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Clinic at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Dr. Whitten-Shurney currently serves as the CEO and Medical Director of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Michigan Chapter and serves as medical advisor for the Sickle Cell Reproductive Health Education Directive (SC RED). She had the honor of serving on the NHLBI SCD Research Advisory Committee from 2016-2020.

Dr. Shurney is the proud product of the Detroit Public School system. She won first prize for her project on sickle cell disease at the Durfee junior high school science fair. Dr. Shurney completed her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and attended Medical School at Howard University. She received her pediatric residency training at Children's Hospital of Michigan and spent a year in their Hematology Oncology Fellowship. She is currently focused on the development of the Charles F. Whitten Center of Excellence in the Henry for Health System to provide wrap around services for adults living with sickle cell disease in Michigan.

Dr. Shurney prides herself on patient engagement and education. As a pediatrician she understands the values of empowering and equipping families with coping skills in order to tackle the potential realities of sickle cell disease. She is known for her down to earth personality and sense of humor. She has two children, Simone and Cameron and one granddaughter, Vanessa Rose. When she is not advocating for the sickle cell community, she enjoys movies, traveling, and ballroom dancing.