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Special Announcement

Congratulations to Dr. Cliff Coleman

*for his promotion to
Professor of Family Medicine*



Congratulations to Cliff Coleman, M.D., MPH, Doris and Mark Storms Chair in Compassionate Communication, who will be promoted to full Professor within the Department of Family Medicine effective July 1, 2024. The rank of full professor is awarded to those who are leaders in their field and demonstrate excellence in teaching, scholarship, and clinical practice.

Dr. Coleman's promotion emanates from providing outstanding primary care to his patients at the OHSU Richmond Primary Care Clinic, educating and mentoring medical students as the Clinical Thread Director for Professionalism, Ethics, and Communication in the School of Medicine, and from his international reputation as an expert in health literacy and clear communication.

Dr. Coleman believes health literacy and clear communication serve as the foundation of effective and compassionate patient care, increasing both health care equity and health outcomes. He has committed his career to teaching and scholarship in health literacy and clear communication.

Dr. Coleman joined the Center for Ethics in 2021 as the inaugural Doris and Mark Storms Chair in Compassionate Communication. Doris and Mark Storms strongly believed that everyone should be treated humanely and with dignity. Dr. Coleman carries on their legacy by working to ensure that all individuals and families are treated with utmost respect and deep compassion in the health care setting through clear and compassionate communication.