

Wendi Wills El-Amin, M.D. Bio



Wendi Wills El-Amin, M.D. is the Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She is a Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine where she provides care at the Center for Family Medicine in Springfield. Dr. El-Amin is dually appointed to the SIU's Department of Medical Education where she serves as an academic strategist.

El-Amin served as an Assistant Dean of Medical Education at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville (2007-10). She also served as director of outreach at the Center on Health Disparities and Director of the UVA Cancer Center Health Disparity Initiative (2006-10) and as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and public health (2005-10), all at the University of Virginia. El-Amin was in private practice at Wills Diagnostic Clinic in Houston, TX. (2001-03).

She completed her residency in family practice and community medicine as chief resident at the University of Texas-Houston (2001). She earned her medical degree at Georgetown Medical School (1998) and a bachelor's degree in biology at Hampton University in Virginia (1993).

El-Amin is board certified in family medicine and is a member of the National Medical Association, where she chaired the Women's Health Section (2008 – 2019). She has been a community health advocate and activist. She is the proud mother of three daughters Samira, Arianna, and Yasmin, who she affectionately calls her earth, wind, and fire.

She is presently a board member of the Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln. Springfield YMCA, and Springfield Memorial Hospital and Foundation. She is the recipient of the 2023 SIUSOM Leonard Tow Humanism award, 2023 Athena Award, the J. Dorsey Teaching Award in 2022, Springfield chapter of N.A.A.C.P. Webster award, and was named

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She has a passion for addressing health disparities and inequities in healthcare.

