

Dr. Lauren R. Powell is a Harvard-trained public health leader, health equity visionary, and truth-teller who fearlessly tackles difficult topics out loud.

She is a bold voice on dismantling racism across the US health ecosystem, often calling out the urgency of racism as a public health emergency while offering tangible solutions to drive antiracism and activate health equity in healthcare.

Through her company, The Equitist, and her social media followership, Dr. Powell reaches thousands of leaders in healthcare and public health every week. Her insights have been featured in Marie Claire, Politico, STAT News, The Guardian, CNBC, BBC, Cheddar, Huffington Post, and PBS News Hour, and she was recently named among Fortune's 40 Under 40 in Healthcare.

Dr. Powell currently serves as the inaugural Head of Health Equity for Biogen where she is transforming the drug development process through the power of health equity: She previously served as the inaugural Vice President of US Health Equity & Community Wellness at Takeda Pharmaceuticals where she led a Top 10 pharma company in strategizing and operationalizing health equity. Formerly the Director of Health Equity for the Commonwealth of Virginia, she was the youngest Black woman to serve in this role as a State Health Official responsible for the health and wellness of Virginia's 8.5 million residents. Her unique trailblazing career has spanned academia, government, the non-profit and private sector industries—and she's just getting started.