

**Dr. Phillip Swann,
Public Health Specialist/General Practitioner,
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Dr. Phillip Swann is originally from Holmes' Rock, Grand Bahama in The Bahamas. Dr. Swann completed Holmes' Rock Primary School, before going for junior high at Sunland Lutheran School (now Sunland Baptist Academy) and senior high education at the Freeport Anglican High School (now Bishop Michael Eldon School). He pursued tertiary education at the College of The Bahamas' Oakes Field Campus for a year before matriculating at the Mona Campus of the University of The West Indies where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with Upper Second Class Honours in 1995. His medical degree (MBBS) was earned through matriculating at the Mona and Nassau Campuses of the University of The West Indies in 2001.

Following an internship at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Dr. Swann worked in the Department of Internal Medicine and Radiology. It was during his tenure in Radiology that he recognized the ability to impact a wider portion of the population through health initiatives. After working a few years, Dr. Swann went on to complete a Master's degree in Public Health at the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida on the way to becoming certified as a public health specialist with the National Board of Public Health Examiners of the United States of America, both in 2011. He is also a General Practitioner holding registrations with the Bahamas Medical Council and General Medical Council of the United Kingdom.

Having practiced in the hospital setting for more than six years, Dr. Swann joined the Ministry of Health becoming involved with the management of health services and the development of telemedicine in the public health sector, serving for a time as the Co-Chair of the National telemedicine Task Force. He was instrumental in increasing access to imaging studies in the community setting and implementing a regional approach to the management of physician manpower throughout the archipelago.

During his tenure with the Ministry of health, Dr. Swann worked as a liaison with the Pan American Health Organization. This was followed by employment as a Program Specialist with the United States of America's Centre for Disease Control and Prevention's Caribbean Regional Office, where he was based at the US Embassy in Nassau. Along with his work with the Ministry of Health, these career positions have allowed him to travel from Brazil to Geneva and across the English-speaking Caribbean, providing significant exposures to the design and management of both clinical health provider systems and population health programmes across the region.

Most recently, Dr. Swann's focus has been on the strengthening of data collection processes

from service delivery systems to inform evidence-based decision making. He presently serves as a technical officer in the Ministry of Health's headquarters with responsibility for national non-communicable diseases population health programmes.

In addition, to serving as the inaugural chairman of the Healthy Bahamas Coalition, The Bahamas National Non-Communicable Disease Commission, Dr. Swann also serves as a Commissioner on the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Clinical Director with Special Olympics Bahamas, and Acting President of the Stapledon School Parents & Teachers' Association.