

Ameika Bush, MD: Board-Certified Internal Medicine Physician And Cardiology Hospitalist

Bringing Nearly 25 Years of Hospital Medicine Experience and a Lifelong Commitment to Patient Advocacy, Off-Hour Care, and Community Service



Tacoma, Washington Jul 16, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Ameika Bush, MD, is a board-certified internal medicine physician and cardiology hospitalist with nearly 25 years of clinical experience dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality care for patients facing complex medical challenges. Practicing with the MedStar Heart and Vascular Institute in Washington, D.C., Dr. Bush has built a distinguished career centered on inpatient cardiovascular care, acute medical management, and supporting patients during some of the most critical moments of their healthcare journeys.

Dr. Bush earned her Medical Degree from Howard University College of Medicine in 1998 and completed her residency at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in 2001, where she continues to serve as an attending physician. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to delivering patient-centered care in fast-paced hospital environments, combining clinical expertise with empathy and a deep understanding of the patient experience.

A defining feature of Dr. Bush's career is her longstanding dedication to nocturnal and off-hour hospital medicine. For more than two decades, she has worked as a nocturnist, providing care during nights, weekends, and holidays in high-acuity hospital settings. Her willingness to serve during these less conventional hours reflects her belief that patients deserve the same level of compassion and attention regardless of when they need care.

Dr. Bush's passion for this work stems from a deeply personal experience. At age 17, she was struck by a vehicle while on vacation and endured multiple hospitalizations and surgical procedures during her recovery. As a patient, she experienced firsthand the challenges of receiving care during overnight hours and developed a lasting appreciation for the importance of compassionate healthcare providers during vulnerable moments.

"What I enjoy most about practicing medicine is being there for patients during the times when they need compassionate care the most—nights, weekends, and holidays," says Dr. Bush. "When I was 17, I was hit by a car while on vacation, and during my multiple hospitalizations and surgeries, I noticed that the people working night shifts were often short-tempered and unhappy because they got stuck with shifts nobody wanted. That experience made me determined that if I made it through, I would dedicate myself to working those exact shifts—the ones nobody else wants."

Today, Dr. Bush strives to create a more positive hospital experience for patients who find themselves away from home during holidays and difficult circumstances. She frequently goes beyond traditional medical responsibilities by bringing encouragement and small gestures of kindness to patients, helping them feel supported and remembered during challenging times.

"My lived experience as a patient is what drives me to provide the kind of care I wish I had received during those difficult nights," Dr. Bush explains.

In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Bush is deeply committed to community service and addressing healthcare disparities. She has organized hospital-based initiatives, including clothing drives and food distributions for individuals experiencing homelessness, reflecting her belief that healthcare extends beyond the walls of the hospital.

Dr. Bush is also the Founder of the Carbon to Diamond Medical Respite and Shelter, a nonprofit organization focused on supporting vulnerable populations through compassionate care, advocacy, and community outreach. Through this work, she continues to address the broader social factors that impact health and well-being while creating opportunities for underserved individuals to access meaningful support.

With a career defined by resilience, service, and compassion, Dr. Ameika Bush continues to demonstrate the powerful impact of physician-led advocacy. Through her dedication to inpatient medicine, commitment to off-hour care, and efforts to uplift vulnerable communities, she remains focused on ensuring every patient receives not only expert medical treatment but also the dignity, kindness, and support they deserve.

Learn more about Dr. Ameika Bush:

Through her America's Best in Medicine profile, <https://americasbestinmedicine.com/connect/Ameika-Bush> or through her profile on MedStar Health, <https://www.medstarhealth.org/doctors/ameika-bush-md>

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