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In 2010, Ron served as Director of the Patient Safety Analysis Center in the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), now the Defense Health Agency (DHA), where he was responsible for establishing and maintaining patient safety registries that include clinical, root cause analyses and failure mode and effects analyses data on adverse events at over 60 military health facilities, both in the U.S. and abroad. While at the Department of Defense, he co-directed the Partnership for Patients initiative and served as Chair of the Readmissions Workgroup and led the development of the Sentinel Event Watch and the Data Pulse publications.

In 2012, Dr. Wyatt was appointed as the Medical Director in the Division of Healthcare Improvement at The Joint Commission. During this time he also served as the Commission's representative on The National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention. In 2016, Ron was appointed as the first Patient Safety Officer for the Joint Commission, where he directed the Office of Quality and Patient Safety, established a patient safety fellowship and was a contributor to the Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alerts. While at The Joint Commission, Dr. Wyatt co-chaired the first health equity leadership forum and he has contributed to multiple publications on Health Equity, racial bias and implicit bias.

He presents nationally and internationally on leadership, safety culture, human factors in healthcare, professionalism, patient experience and health equity. He has been named a top 50 patient safety expert, by Becker's, on three occasions.

Dr. Wyatt is a graduate of the University Of Alabama Birmingham School of Medicine and holds a Master in Health Administration (executive format) degree from the University of Alabama Birmingham. He was a 2009-2010 Merck Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Wyatt is achieved lean six-sigma green belt certification as well as completing training as a primary care coach and change agent.

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