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Director of Advanced Practice Operations. Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C, is an accomplished advanced practice provider (APP) leader with nearly two decades of experience in orthopedic surgery. Deon completed his PA training and earned a master's in health professions education from Western University of Health Sciences, a master's in public health from UCLA with a focus on health policy and management, and a Doctor of Health Sciences degree in global health from A.T. Still University–College of Graduate Health Studies.

In Deon's director role, he will support operational excellence, compliance with state and national guidelines for advanced practice and access to care. In his previous leadership role, he played a key role in advancing top-of-license initiatives for APPs, which significantly increased clinical revenue and earned him recognition in Becker's Hospital Review's 2024 list of Black Healthcare Leaders to Know.

In 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed him to the Physician Assistant Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and he was reappointed in 2023. In 2025, he was elected president of the Board. A widely published researcher, he has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on APP workforce optimization and APP postgraduate fellowship training.