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Dr. Michelle Tarver is the Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Technology Innovation where she provides co-leadership for all scientific collaborative and emerging technology-related activities at the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). This leadership and oversight at CDRH include but are not limited to public health emergency preparedness and response activities, digital health, cybersecurity, conformity standards development and

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Dr. Tarver received a B.S. in Biochemistry from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and completed the M.D./Ph.D. program at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health. Following her internal medicine internship, she completed a residency in ophthalmology with fellowship training in ocular inflammation (uveitis) both at the Wilmer Eye Institute (Johns Hopkins). Board-certified in ophthalmology with an epidemiology doctorate, she has worked on laboratory-based and epidemiological studies, clinical trials, registries, developing patient-reported outcome measures as well as surveys to capture patient preferences. As a dedicated clinician, she continues to care for patients with uveitis at Solomon Eye Associates in Bowie, MD.