In 2020, Cures Within Reach funded Dr. Olanisun Adewole at Obafemi Awolowo University & Teaching Hospitals Complex to support a Phase I trial adding atorvastatin, a common lipid-lowering drug, to enhance therapeutic treatment of tuberculosis (TB). Current TB treatment is lengthy and often associated with poor compliance, but this proof-of-concept trial added atorvastatin to accelerate TB clearance and decrease rates of relapse. He has dedicated his career focus towards research, treatment, and policy in tuberculosis and respiratory health. He has led numerous clinical trials aimed at improving the effectiveness of TB diagnosis through genetic biomarkers, and he has taught and trained medical students and physicians on respiratory medicine for over a decade.

Dr. Adewole has been recognized for his leadership and innovation. He was named as one of the top 10 nominees for the Africa Innovation Prize in 2017 for his self-designed rapid TB skin test, was recognized by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with a Keystone Symposium Scholarship in Public Health and won the 2006 Japanese Respiratory Society Young Investigator Award. He serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Nigerian Journal of Health Sciences, among other publications. His previous roles include country ambassador for Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, secretary general for the Nigerian Thoracic Society and technical authorship for Nigeria's TB and COVID-19 management guidelines.

He is an innovator, creating new solutions to advance respiratory health outcomes. His passion for medicine has led him to wear many hats: as researcher, physician, professor, inventor and public health leader. He hopes that his work serves as encouragement to local scientists to develop home grown and patient-centered solutions.

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