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**THE EMERGING MAJORITY AND THE U.S. HEALTH SYSTEM:
THE PARADIGM SHIFT BEGINS!**

**Faculty Biographical Sketches
DAY 1: Monday, April 27, 2009¹**

LAWRENCE AGODOA, MD, FACP

**Director, Office of Minority Health Research Coordination
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH**

Dr. Agodoa graduated from Cornell University Medical College, New York in 1971. He completed internship and residency training in Internal Medicine, three-year training in clinical and research in Nephrology, and subsequently, 2 years of clinical and research training in Rheumatology and Immunology at the University of Washington Hospitals, Seattle, WA. In 1983, he was assigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center as Assistant Chief of Nephrology Service and also appointed to the faculty of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Medical Sciences (USUHS), Bethesda, Maryland. In 1987, he was appointed Director of Clinical Affairs Program in the Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases at the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland. Presently, he is Professor of Medicine at USUHS, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, and Program Director at the NIH. His current duties include Director of the Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage Renal Disease Programs at NIDDK; Program Scientist and Coordinator of The African American Study of Kidney Disease and Hypertension (AASK); and Co-Project Officer of the United States Renal Data System (USRDS).

¹ The Clinical CME Program spans Day 1 and Day 2, however clinical faculty biosketches appear only in the Day 1 document.

MOHAMMAD N. AKHTER, MD, MPH
Executive Director
National Medical Association

Dr. Akhter was appointed Executive Director of the National Medical Association (NMA) in May of 2007. At NMA his key priorities are creation of strategic partnerships in which to actively participate in national health care reform, development of a standardized cultural competency curriculum for health professionals, and initiatives in several African countries to assist in health manpower development. Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Akhter was professor of Community Health at the Howard University College of Medicine. He also served from 2002-2005 as the Senior Associate Dean for Public and International Health at Howard University College of Medicine. Dr. Akhter was Executive Director of the American Public Health Association (APHA) from 1997-2002. He was instrumental in expanding APHA's scientific base and in strengthening its advocacy role to protect the health of the American people. Dr. Akhter has served in top leadership positions at federal, state, and local levels including as the Director of Health for the state of Missouri and the Commissioner of Public Health for our nation's capital. He subsequently served as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and as a member of the United States delegation to the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization. Dr. Akhter is a physician. He received his masters in public health from Johns Hopkins University and he is board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

TAMMY BANKS, MBA
Director, Practice Management Center and Payment Advocacy
The American Medical Association Private Sector Advocacy Unit

The American Medical Association Private Sector Advocacy Unit (PSA) has recently launched the Practice Management Center to help physicians understand the necessity to focus on the enhancement of their practice financial viability, identify and challenge unfair payer business practices, implement administrative information technology solutions, and take action to address these issues within their practice. The PSA unit works closely with state, county, and specialty medical societies to confront unfair managed care practices nationally and at the local level. As a result of this activity, a number of HMOs and insurers have backed-down from objectionable policies that were detrimental to patients and physicians. Prior to joining the AMA, Ms. Banks served as the Director of Socioeconomic Affairs and Research and was responsible for the health policy, practice management, reimbursement, and research areas for the North American Spine Society. Ms. Banks received her Master's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Quantitative Methods from Roosevelt University, in Chicago, Illinois, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alma College, in Alma, Michigan, and received the Coding Procedural Certification - physician based (CPC-P) from the American Health Information Management Association.

RACHELE BERRIA, MD, MSCI
US Medical Director , Diabetes Franchise
Roche Laboratories, Inc.

Dr. Berria joined Roche in January 2007 as Associate Director in the Department of Clinical Development for metabolism and was appointed as Medical Director in August 2008. She graduated with honors from the Medical School of the University of Cagliari, Italy, where she also obtained her Board Certification in Reproductive Endocrinology. She has been a visiting resident in the Department of Reproductive Endocrinology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where she also earned her Masters degree in Science of Clinical Investigation. Dr. Berria completed her fellowship in Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and published several peer-reviewed publications on the clinical and molecular aspects of insulin resistance. She joined the faculty as Assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 2005, where she continued focusing her research efforts in type 2 diabetes, besides being a member of the Institutional Review Board and the protocol review Committee of General Clinical Research Center at the MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Berria is a member of several professional societies, including the American Diabetes Association, the Endocrine Society, and the Women in Endocrinology Society.

MELISSA BISHOP-MURPHY, JD
Senior Director, National Government Relations and Multicultural Affairs
Pfizer, Inc.

Ms. Bishop-Murphy supports Pfizer's overall federal and state government relations and public affairs strategy, and advises leadership on current multicultural congressional and legislative issues and activities. Prior to her position as Senior Director, Ms. Bishop-Murphy was Director/Team Leader of Pfizer's southeastern government relations team of directors, public affairs and external relations colleagues. While in that position, she lobbied issues such as the Medicare Reform Act, drug importation legislation, authorized generics, and asbestos and patent reduction legislation. Ms. Bishop-Murphy has also acted as General Counsel for the Georgia Department of Medical Assistance, concentrating in the areas of Medicare and Medicaid, and as an Attorney with the Department of Health and Human Services. Named one of Georgia's most powerful and influential women in Women Looking Ahead Magazine, Ms. Bishop-Murphy is currently on the board of the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs at Morehouse College and the Georgia Charter Schools Association. Ms. Bishop-Murphy received a B.A., summa cum laude, from Stillman College and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. She will receive her M.B.A. from the University of Georgia in Spring 2010.

JAMES BLUMENTHAL, PHD

Professor of Medical Psychology, Duke University Medical Center
Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University

Dr. Blumenthal received his PhD from the University of Washington in Clinical Psychology and is board certified from the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Blumenthal is the recipient of several awards including an honorary doctorate from Uppsala University, the Michael L. Pollock Established Investigator Award for his work in cardiac rehabilitation, and the Society of Behavioral Medicine Distinguished Scientist Award. He is a founding fellow of the American Association of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and holds fellowship status in the American Psychological Association, the Society of Behavioral Medicine and the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. He is former President of the American Psychosomatic Society and Division 38-Health Psychology—of the American Psychological Association.

CONGRESSMAN ROY BLUNT

R-Missouri

US House of Representatives

Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt came to the United States House of Representatives in 1997 with a background as a public servant, university president and administrator. He became the Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in the last eight decades and also served as Majority Leader. Congressman Blunt is now the second-highest Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is also a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Congressman Blunt was named Missouri's Republican of the Year in 2001. As Whip, the second highest Republican in the House, he led a team of deputies and assistants that columnist Robert Novak described as "the most efficient party whip operation in congressional history." Other legislation Congressman Blunt championed in recent Congresses includes the Combat Meth Act, the Charitable Giving expansion and legislation to enhance transparency in federal spending by establishing a searchable database of all federal grants and contracts. Congressman Blunt has become a recognized leader on energy issues and led the fight for more American-made energy in 2008. He also played a key role in helping negotiate an update of our nation's foreign intelligence surveillance laws. The Congressman is married to Abigail Blunt and has four children.

CAROLYN BARLEY BRITTON, MD, MS
Associate Professor of clinical Neurology
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

Dr. Britton is a recognized expert in Neurovirology and Infectious/Inflammatory Diseases of the nervous system. She is Associate Attending at New York Presbyterian Medical Center, and a member of the both the Lyme Center and the Headache Center at Columbia Medical Center. Dr. Britton is a graduate of Oberlin College and New York University Medical School. Dr. Britton was among the first to describe the neurologic complications of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in 1981, and is a recognized authority on a rare viral complication, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy. She served as the Study Neurologist for a Lyme re-treatment trial led by Brian Fallon, MD, director of the Lyme Disease Research Program. For two decades, Dr. Britton has been a tireless advocate for funding of AIDS clinical trials, the training of minority and female clinical researchers, and the inclusion of minority populations and women in clinical trials. In July 2008 during the NMA Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, Dr. Britton was installed as the 109th President of the National Medical Association. In 2008, Dr. Britton was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, the prestigious medical honor society.

JOHN BROCKINGTON
Founder
The John Brockington Foundation

An All-American running back at Ohio State under Woody Hayes, Mr. Brockington quickly proved himself worthy of the Packers' first pick in 1971's NFL draft. His 1,105 rushing yards in 1971 earned him unanimous All-Pro and NFC Rookie of the Year honors. Mr. Brockington became the first running back in NFL history to surpass 1,000 yards in each of his first three seasons. Known for his speed out of the backfield, as well as his blocking and receiving, Mr. Brockington remains the third leading rusher in team history. A three-time Pro Bowler, he was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 1984. Upon retirement from the NFL, Mr. Brockington moved to San Diego and entered the financial services field, where he works with Guardian Financial Services. Prompted by his own experience with dialysis and transplantation, he founded The John Brockington Foundation to raise funds for dialysis patients and increase donor registration. Together with his wife and donor Diane, and with help from former teammates, they host events in Ohio and San Diego. After their story appeared on ESPN John and Diane Brockington became advocates for organ donation by speaking nationally to raise awareness and hope for Americans awaiting a life-giving transplant.

JEREMY BROWN, MD

Research Director and Director of ED HIV Screening
Department of Emergency Medicine, George Washington University

Dr. Brown is the Director of Clinical Research and an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at The George Washington University Medical Center. He is a practicing emergency physician and the author of the Oxford American Handbook of Emergency Medicine, published by Oxford University Press. He is the recipient of RO1 funding from the NIH, and is also the founding Director of the ED HIV Screening Program. This program, which began in 2006 in response to the revised recommendations from the CDC, has screened over 15,000 patients in the ED at GW for HIV. The clinical program has generated several research papers and presentations which have been published in JAIDS, Annals of Emergency Medicine, Academic Emergency Medicine, Public Health Reports and The New York Times. The program has also been highlighted in American Medical News and the ADAP Report, which described the GW program as “a model for emergency room testing”. Dr Brown has presented his experiences with ED HIV testing to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, as well as before a Congressional briefing for lawmakers. He has spoken at emergency medicine departments around the country that are in the process of implementing ED HIV screening. His work has also been presented at several academic conferences including the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.

ENRIQUE CABALLERO, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Harvard Medical School

Dr Caballero is the Director of the Latino Diabetes Initiative, Associate Medical Director of Professional Education, Staff Endocrinologist and Clinical Investigator at Joslin Diabetes Center. Dr. Caballero developed the Joslin Latino Diabetes Initiative that was launched in the summer of 2002 and that integrates culturally oriented activities in the areas of patient care and education, community outreach, research and professional education. His research interests include type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention, endothelial dysfunction and diabetes in minority populations. He is a co-investigator of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, the LookAhead Program, and the Diabetes Education Study, all sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. He is the principal investigator in studies assessing vascular abnormalities in obese Hispanic children, adolescents and young adults. He is also principal investigator in a study assessing biological, psychological, social and cultural factors influencing adherence to treatment in Latinos with diabetes. Dr. Caballero has written various publications on pre-diabetes, obesity and endothelial dysfunction, diabetes in Latinos and the chapter of Diabetes in Minorities in the prestigious Joslin's Diabetes Mellitus textbook. He is also a reviewer for multiple prestigious medical journals.

CAROLYN M. CLANCY, MD

Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Department of Health and Human Services

Prior to her appointment as AHRQ Director in February 2003, Dr. Clancy served as the Agency's Acting Director and previously was Director of AHRQ's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research. Dr. Clancy, who is a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia before joining AHRQ in 1990. Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine and serves as Senior Associate Editor, *Health Services Research*. Dr. Clancy has served on multiple editorial boards and is currently on the board of the *Annals of Family Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *American Journal of Medical Quality*, and *Medical Care Research and Review*. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004.

H. JAMES DALLAS

Senior Vice President, Quality and Operations
Medtronic, Inc.

Mr. Dallas was named Senior Vice President, Quality and Operations in April 2008. In this role, Mr. Dallas has responsibility for executing on cross-business initiatives that maximize the company's global operating leverage. He joined Medtronic in April 2006 as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, responsible for leading the information technology (IT) organization, and developing and implementing information technology strategies on a global basis. Mr. Dallas also serves as a member of Medtronic's executive management team. Previously, Mr. Dallas was vice president and CIO at Georgia Pacific. During his 22-year career at Georgia Pacific, he held a series of progressively responsible IT positions at the business, group, and corporate levels. In addition, Mr. Dallas was promoted into a number of operating roles, including general manager of the transportation division and president of the lumber division. Mr. Dallas has a bachelor's of science degree in accounting from the University of South Carolina-Aiken and a master's degree in business administration from Emory University. He serves as a board member at KeyCorp, the parent company of Cleveland, Ohio-based KeyBank, and is also a board member of the YMCA-Greater Saint Paul and Metropolitan Minneapolis.

CARL W. DIEFFENBACH, PHD

Director, Division of AIDS

National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH

Dr. Dieffenbach has oversight of a global HIV/AIDS research portfolio of over one billion dollars and a staff of over 140 federal employees. Dr. Dieffenbach received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Maryland in 1976 and his PhD in biophysics from The Johns Hopkins University in 1983. He then completed his Postdoctoral Fellowship with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), Department of Pathology, in 1984, and was then promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor. While at USUHS he ran a highly productive research program, pioneering uses of Polymerase Chain Reaction in understanding mechanisms of cytokine gene expression and cloned the cellular receptor for the murine Coronavirus, Mouse Hepatitis Virus. In 1992, he joined the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Division of AIDS (DAIDS) as the Chief of the preclinical therapeutics group. In 1996, he was promoted to director of the Basic Sciences Program within DAIDS, where he remained until being selected as the Division Director in 2008. Additionally, Dr. Dieffenbach has continued to serve as an Associate Professor of Pathology, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine. He is also a co-author of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Manuals, PCR Primer 1st and 2nd Editions.

GOULDA DOWNER PhD, RD, LN, CNS

Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator

National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center, Howard University College of Medicine

Dr. Downer received her Bachelors degree from Pratt Institute, and her Masters and PhD degrees from Howard University. She served her postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Nutrition at Georgetown University and studied Nutritional Epidemiology at The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Downer was Assistant Clinical Professor/Director, Public Health Nutrition Services in the Department of Pediatrics, at Georgetown University Medical School. In 2001, she was appointed to the United States Food Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where she served until 2006. Currently she is serving in her second term as chair of the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency's, Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). She is also chair of the Nutrition and Dietetics Board of the District of Columbia's Department of Health Regulation Administration and an adjunct member of the nutrition faculty in the School of Public Health and Health Services, Exercise Science Program at George Washington University. She is the former Director of Medical Education for the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS). Dr. Downer is a member of a team formed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which provides expert nutrition advice and assistance to communities in Sub-Saharan Africa, including South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria, and Ethiopia.

JIM ELKIN

Vice President, Federal Government Relations
Novartis Corporation

Mr. Elkin heads the Novartis Washington office. He is responsible for managing the advocacy staff and representing the Novartis group of companies before the U.S. Congress and the administration. Mr. Elkin interacts with various trade associations and interest groups on matters relevant to Novartis. Mr. Elkin has more than 20 years experience in government relations and 32 years of service with Novartis. He started his career as a pharmaceutical sales associate, moving up the ranks to hospital sales, and then serving as a regional sales manager for the Northwest region of the United States. Mr. Elkin was promoted to manage the lobbying efforts in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin on behalf of the company. He also served as the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) state task force chairman in Minnesota. Mr. Elkin was selected by the CEO to fill the role of lead lobbyist in the Washington, DC office in 1994. In 2002 Mr. Elkin became head of the Washington office. Mr. Elkin is a long-serving member of the Board of Directors for the Washington chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. He served as Chairman of the Board from 2005 to 2006. Before working at Novartis Mr. Elkin was a high school biology teacher and coach. Mr. Elkin graduated with a B.S. degree in biology from Iowa State University.

LUIS R. ESPINOZA, MD

Professor and Chief, Section of Rheumatology
Department of Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center

Dr. Espinoza is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, and Chief of the Section of Rheumatology at the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans as well as Director of the Rheumatology Fellowship Training Program and Attending Physician at MCLANO. His strongest interests are in promoting the teaching of rheumatology and further the understanding of pathogenic mechanisms operating in psoriatic arthritis and reactive arthritis. He has been President of the Louisiana Rheumatism Society, serves on the Executive Committee of the International League of Rheumatology Associations, and is currently President of the Pan American League Against Rheumatism (PANLAR). In addition, he was recently named Master of both the American College of Rheumatology and American College of Physicians. Dr. Espinoza has published extensively in peer review medical journals, and has over 500 publications.

ANTHONY S. FAUCI, MD

Director

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Fauci received his MD degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1966. He then completed an internship and residency at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. In 1968, Dr. Fauci came to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a clinical associate in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation (LCI) at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). In 1980, he was appointed Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, a position he still holds. In 1984, Dr. Fauci became Director of NIAID. Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated and infectious diseases. A 1985 Stanford University Arthritis Center Survey of the American Rheumatism Association membership ranked the work of Dr. Fauci on the treatment of polyarteritis nodosa and Wegener's granulomatosis as one of the most important advances in patient management in rheumatology over the previous 20 years. Dr. Fauci is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Institute of Medicine (Council Member), the American Philosophical Society, and the Royal Danish Academy of Science and Letters, as well as a number of other professional societies.

Keith C Ferdinand, MD, FACC, FAHA

Clinical Professor, Cardiology Division, Emory University

Chief Science Officer, Association of Black Cardiologists

Dr. Ferdinand is a principal investigator of the Healthy Heart Community Project, a nationally recognized model for community-based health screening and intervention. He is past president of the Orleans Division of the American Heart Association, and past chair of the Board of ABC. Additionally, Dr. Ferdinand is a Clinical Professor, Cardiology Division Department of Medicine at Emory University of Atlanta, and an Adjunct Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine also in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Ferdinand's medical degree is from Howard University College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, a diplomat certified in the subspecialty of nuclear cardiology, an American Society of Hypertension certified specialist in clinical hypertension, and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. He is Editor-in-Chief of the 2009 *Educational Review Manual in Cardiovascular Disease* (Castle Connolly). He is co-author of *Overcoming Katrina African American Voices from the Crescent City and Beyond* (Palgrave McMillan 2009), a collection of 27 oral histories, and co-editor of *Cardiovascular Disease in Racial & Ethnic Minorities* (Humana Press 2009). Dr. Ferdinand has received the Louis B. Russell, Jr. Memorial Award of the American Heart Association and the Walter M. Booker Community Service Award of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

WAYNE A.I. FREDERICK, MD, FACS

**Associate Professor and Chief, Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery,
Howard University Cancer Center**

Dr. Frederick was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Following high school graduation, he attended Howard University, where he matriculated in a combined BS/MD program. While completing his residency in General Surgery at Howard University Hospital, he received the Outstanding Resident of the Year Award, House Staff of the Year Award, and Chairman's Chief Resident of the Year Award. He then did a post-doctoral research fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where his research focused on NF Kappa B and its role in pancreatic cancer. Dr. Frederick then completed his surgical oncology fellowship at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Frederick is a member of several national organizations, including the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American College of Surgeons, where he is an Executive member of the Committee of Young Surgeons, and the Society of Surgical Oncology where he is a Member of the Diversity Task Force. He is the Director of the Drew-Walker Residents Forum of the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association. He also sits on the Board of Directors for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. Dr. Frederick has published numerous articles on the molecular biology of liver metastasis in colorectal cancer and disparities in pre-menopausal breast cancer in African American women.

JAMES R. GAVIN III, MD, PHD

**Clinical Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
CEO and Chief Medical Officer, Healing Our Village, Inc.**

Dr. Gavin served as president and CEO of Microslet, Inc., San Diego, California, maintaining an office base in Atlanta, was president of the Morehouse School of Medicine, served as senior scientific officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), and as director of the HHMI-National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Program. Before joining the senior staff of HHMI, Dr Gavin was a professor and chief of the Diabetes Section, acting chief of the Section on Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Hypertension, and William K. Warren Professor for Diabetes Studies at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr Gavin belongs to a number of organizations, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), and the American Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC). He is a past president of the ADA and was voted Clinician of the Year in Diabetes by the ADA in 1991. Dr Gavin graduated from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, with a degree in chemistry. He earned his PhD in biochemistry from Emory University and his MD degree from Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina. He and his wife, Dr. Annie Gavin, are the parents of three adult sons.

KIRK GETER, DPM

Chief of the Division of Podiatry and Assistant Professor
Howard University College of Medicine

Dr. Geter, a native of Trenton, New Jersey, attended Howard University in Washington, DC where he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and completed graduate studies in biochemistry. He then entered the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, now called the Temple College of Podiatric Medicine, and received a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine, DPM in 1988. Dr. Geter completed his residency training at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Washington, DC in 1989. In 1999, Dr. Geter established a Podiatry Residency Program at Howard University. In addition to his numerous accomplishments, Dr. Geter is a Certified Administrator for Neurosurgery and Motor Testing in March 2002, completed surgical training in Peripheral Nerve Surgery in May 2002, and completed training in Endoscopic Surgery in the Foot for Neuromas in October 2002. As an academician and tireless teacher, Dr. Geter holds a number of academic appointments as Assistant Professor, College of Medicine Howard University, Adjunct Professor for New York College of Podiatric Medicine, Temple School of Podiatric Medicine, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Barry College of Podiatric Medicine in Florida, and Rosiland Franklin Scholl's School of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Geter served as the President for the National Podiatric Medical Association from 2006-2008. Dr. Geter and his wife Melanie, reside in Maryland with their daughter Kailyn.

JOVONN GIVENS, MPH

Manager, CKD Quality Initiative
Georgia Medical Care Foundation

The Georgia Medical Care Foundation is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for the state. Ms. Givens works with providers and community partners across Georgia to improve CKD clinical outcomes among Medicare beneficiaries. She has also served as the Evaluation Specialist for the QIO, measuring effectiveness of programs as well as working on special projects focusing on reducing avoidable hospitalizations among nursing home residents and improving AV fistula rates in rural Georgia. Prior to working at GMCF, she served as a senior health educator for Grady Health System's Office of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Atlanta. Ms. Givens received her MPH from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

JAY HEDLUND

Director

Medicare Diabetes Screening Project, Novo Nordisk Inc.

Mr. Hedlund manages the Medicare Diabetes Screening Project: A National Drive to Find the Undiagnosed for Novo Nordisk Inc. The goal of the Project is to promote utilization of free Medicare diabetes prevention screening benefits for the more than 16 million beneficiaries with undiagnosed diabetes or pre-diabetes. Mr. Hedlund has more than 30 years experience developing and managing public policy advocacy campaigns. He has consulted on health policy issues related to diabetes for the American Diabetes Association and Novo Nordisk Inc., and developed and managed the Campaign for Alcohol-Free Sports TV for the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Previously Mr. Hedlund was the first President and CEO of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, Director of Government and Community Affairs at the Children's Defense Fund, vice-president of Common Cause, and on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Mr. Hedlund is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of Brown University. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Washington, DC.

KEVIN HEFFERNAN, PHD

**Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Division of Cardiology
Tufts Medical Center.**

Dr. Heffernan was born and raised in the Bronx, NY. He completed his BS in Exercise Science at the University of Scranton and his MS in Applied Physiology and Nutrition at Columbia University. Kevin recently completed his PhD in Kinesiology/Exercise Physiology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His dissertation, which received support from the American Heart Association and the American College of Sports Medicine, focused on the vascular and inflammatory response to resistance exercise training in young African American and white men.

JOSEPH M. HEYMAN, MD

Obstetrician-Gynecologist

Dr. Heyman has a private practice in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He has been a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2002. He served as its secretary (2005-2006) and was chair of the finance committee. In June 2008 he began serving as chair of the AMA-BOT for 2008-2009. Dr. Heyman has been involved in organized medicine since joining the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) in 1973. He joined the AMA in 1980. He was a member of the AMA Council on Medical Service, serving on its executive committee (1997-2000) and as its chair (2000-2001). During his tenure on the council, Dr. Heyman helped develop AMA policy on health insurance reform, pharmaceutical industry spending in the United States and hospital mergers. Dr. Heyman also serves on the board of commissioners of the Joint Commission, the board of directors

of Joint Commission Resources and the steering committee of the Markle Foundation's Connecting for Health. He has served as president of the Essex North District Medical Society and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Practicing Advisory Council. In addition, he has served as president, vice president, trustee and speaker of the MMS House of Delegates.

THOMAS R. INSEL, MD
Director
National Institute of Mental Health, NIH

Prior to his NIMH appointment in November 2002, Dr. Insel was Professor of Psychiatry at Emory University; founding director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, one of the largest NSF-funded science and technology centers; director of an NIH-funded Center for Autism Research; and director of the Yerkes Regional Primate Center in Atlanta. A focus of his work has involved examining the role of the neuropeptides oxytocin and vasopressin in social attachment – including, for example, maternal behavior and pair-bond formation – and in aggressive behavior. Early in his career, while at NIMH, Dr. Insel conducted clinical research on obsessive-compulsive disorder, conducting some of the first treatment trials for OCD using the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) class of medications. A member of the Institute of Medicine, he is also a Fellow of the ACNP and has served on numerous academic, scientific, and professional committees.

ALETHIA M. JACKSON, ESQ.
Vice President of Federal Affairs
America's Health Insurance Plans

Ms. Jackson represents a membership of over 1,200 insurance companies on health care related issues under consideration by Congress. Ms. Jackson has been with AHIP since February 2003. She has served in several capacities during her tenure, including Director of State Affairs, where she managed AHIP's policy development and legislative and regulatory advocacy in the northeast region. Ms. Jackson has extensive experience in health policy and government affairs, with an in-depth knowledge of private market insurance. From 1999-2003 she served as Assistant Counsel for Health Policy with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Ms. Jackson also previously worked in the New York State Assembly as legislative assistant for former Assemblyman Alexander B. Grannis. Ms. Jackson has testified before the Maryland General Assembly and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners on health care reform issues. Ms. Jackson also served on the District of Columbia's Health Care Coverage Advisory Panel. Ms. Jackson received a bachelor's degree from the University at Albany and a Law Degree from Syracuse University. Ms. Jackson studied comparative health law and policy abroad in England, Switzerland, and the Netherlands as part of her juris doctorate coursework.

DEBORAH E. JONES, PHD, RN
Assistant Professor
The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

Dr. Jones was awarded her BS, BSN, MSN and PhD by the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The majority of Dr. Jones's nursing career has been spent in cardiovascular nursing including patient care, nurse manager, nursing research, and community outreach. Her dissertation research focused on Educated African American women's perceptions and knowledge of heart disease and its risk factors. In 2007 Dr. Jones was awarded a Post-Doctoral Supplement from the National Institute of Heart, Lung and Blood. She is engaged in health disparities research and is conducting research in the area of reducing cardiovascular health disparities through the "Partnership Program to Reduce Cardiovascular Disparities", a UO1 grant at the University of Maryland, Department of Medicine/Hypertension. She has published articles in the Journal of National Black Nurses Association, Journal of Occupational Health Nurses, Circulation, and Nursing Outlook just to name a few. She has had experience teaching baccalaureate, masters and doctoral nursing students. Student-centered learning principles are at the core of her teaching. She is a member of the National League of Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau, International, and the Southern Nursing Research Society.

Michio Kaku, PhD
Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics
City University of New York

Dr. Kaku is an internationally recognized authority in two areas. The first is Einstein's unified field theory, which Dr. Kaku is attempting to complete. The other is to predict trends affecting business, commerce, and finance based on the latest research in science. He is one of the most widely recognized figures in science in the world. Dr. Kaku graduated from Harvard University in 1968. He received his PhD in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1972, and been a professor at CUNY for almost 30 years. His goal is the complete Einstein's dream of a "theory of everything," to derive an equation, perhaps no more than one inch long, which will summarize all the physical laws of the universe. He is the co-founder of string theory, a major branch of string theory, which is the leading candidate today for the theory of everything. He is the author of several international best-sellers, *Hyperspace* and *Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century*. His book, *Parallel Worlds*, about the latest in cosmology, was a finalist for the prestigious Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction in the UK, and also a finalist for the Aventist science book award. In January 2009, he signed a contract with the Science Channel to host a 12 part science series based on his best-seller, *Physics of the Impossible*.

Kenyatta Y. Lee, MD
Assistant Professor, Family Medicine
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Dr. Lee was born in Richmond, Virginia. He attended undergraduate school at Cornell University located in Ithaca, New York and performed his undergraduate medical training at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine located in Rochester, MN. While at Mayo, he spent his research trimester in Jacksonville. There he completed his third year thesis, looking at the factors responsible for the infant mortality rate in Jacksonville, Florida's urban core. He completed his residency in Family Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Lee currently works as the Assistant Medical Director of the Commonwealth Family Practice Group and Soutel Plaza Family Practice and Pediatrics. He is also the Medical Director of the Community Affairs Department. His responsibilities include the oversight of the disease management programs via the registry programs and he is actively involved in enhancing the quality of care for the Commonwealth Family Practice Group and the clinics operated by the Community Affairs Department. Dr. Lee currently lives in Jacksonville, FL with his lovely wife of 8 years and their 4 children. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and spending quality time with his family.

JOHN C. LEWIN, MD
Chief Executive Officer
American College of Cardiology

Dr. Lewin has been Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) since November 2006. Under Dr. Lewin's leadership, ACC has aspired to contribute greatly to national leadership in advocacy related to expanding access to care for uninsured persons, and in reforming Medicare, Medicaid, and the financing and delivery of quality health care. Prior to going to ACC, Dr. Lewin was CEO of the California Medical Association and its various subsidiary companies. Dr. Lewin was also Hawaii's Director of Health from 1986-1994. In this role, he helped Hawaii achieve near-universal access to health care and revitalize statewide public health systems. In Hawaii, he was also CEO of the statewide 13-facility Community Hospital System. Dr. Lewin was the founder and first Director of the Navajo Nation Department of Health. He serves on numerous national boards and advisory bodies, including founder and President of the *Physicians Foundations*, and President of the national Patient Safety Institute. Dr. Lewin received his Medical Degree and Internal Medicine training from USC School of Medicine and LAC / USC Medical Center, and his MD from the University of Southern California.

WILLIAM (LARRY) LUCAS

Vice President, Government Affairs/Diversity Programs
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

On behalf of PhRMA, Mr. Lucas works with the U.S. Congress and state legislators on issues impacting patient's access to medicines, access to quality health care and the research-based pharmaceutical industry. Mr. Lucas leads the association's efforts to work with patients, healthcare providers, physicians, legislators and health organizations and educate them on the issues impacting the minority community and their access to quality health care. Mr. Lucas also writes a nationally syndicated monthly column about new developments in the pharmaceutical industry. Mr. Lucas is on the Board of Trustees for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and also is actively involved in their contribution fund and health committee. Mr. Lucas serves as the Corporate Advisory Council to the National Hispanic Medical Foundation; on the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and was recently appointed to the Africa Diaspora North Initiative Strategic Planning Committee Board. Mr. Lucas received his BS degree in Education from Jackson State University in Mississippi and served in the United States Air Force.

MEREDITH MATHEWS, MD MPH

Chief Medical Officer
VillageHealth

Dr. Mathews is a nephrologist with extensive experience in health plan and medical group management including the development and implementation of programs in clinical quality, Disease Management, Utilization Management, Credentialing and Risk Management. He is committed to helping organizations improve the health of their patient populations. He is also skilled at creating and executing clinical programs which meet the business needs of client organizations. Dr. Mathews is Chief Medical Officer for VillageHealth a company focused on coordinating comprehensive individualized care plans tailored for the specialized needs of patients with renal disease. Prior to joining VillageHealth, Dr. Mathews was Chief Medical Officer for LifeMasters Supported Self Care Inc, disease management company that helps individuals with chronic conditions take control of their health. Earlier in his career, Dr. Mathews was a principal at Dorsey Health Strategies LLC, and the Chief Medical Officer at both the Medical Health Plan in Minnesota and at Premaera Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska. He practiced nephrology in Seattle for 18 years and served as Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington. Dr. Mathews is board certified in Nephrology and received his medical degree and master's degrees in Public Health from University of Washington.

DELEGATE SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM
Maryland House of Delegates

Delegate Nathan-Pulliam, Deputy Majority Whip and Chair, Subcommittee on Minority Health Disparities, was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1994, re-elected for 4 consecutive terms, and is serving her 15th year. She is the first Caribbean-born elected to the Maryland General Assembly. A Registered Nurse by profession, she holds an Associates degree, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Administrative Science from Johns Hopkins University. She is also a business owner, President and CEO of two health care companies. Delegate Nathan-Pulliam received the 2008 Legislator of the Year Award by the Mental Health Association of Maryland; 2007 Circle of Excellence Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Daily Record, 2005 and 2002; APHA Distinguish Health Legislator of the Year 2005, and numerous other awards. Delegate Nathan-Pulliam is a leading advocate for improved health care and reduced health care disparities. She sponsored legislation creating the Healthcare Disparities Prevention Act and establishing the Office of Minority Health and Health Care Disparities in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her extraordinary legislative accomplishments include funding for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, oral cancer mortality reduction programs and treatment programs for co-occurring disorders- substance abuse and mental illness.

GAIL NUNLEE-BLAND, MD, FACE, FAAP
Interim Chief of Endocrinology and Director of the Diabetes Treatment Center
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Dr. Nunlee-Bland is Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine. Dr. Nunlee-Bland is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine, Class of 1980. She completed her internship and residency in pediatrics at Howard University Hospital and her pediatric endocrine fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Nunlee-Bland has professional memberships in the American Diabetes Association, Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, and American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist. She has served on several advisory committees and has presented at national and local scientific meetings on diabetes and obesity. She has numerous publications related to diabetes in the African-American population and is currently conducting research in the areas of diabetes and obesity. Dr. Nunlee-Bland is passionate about improving access to quality diabetes care. This passion has translated into the American Diabetes Association recognized Diabetes Treatment Center. The Diabetes Treatment Center is a resource for patients and practitioners to have access to the expertise of nutritionists, diabetes educators, podiatrists, and diabetes specialists.

ELIZABETH OFILI, MD, MPH
Chief of Cardiology and Professor, Department of Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine

Dr. Ofili is Associate Dean for Clinical Research at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and Director of the Clinical Research Center. Dr. Ofili's research centers around cardiac hypertrophy, myocardial ischemia and heart failure. Using a canine model of coronary artery disease, she described the mechanisms and physiologic basis of pharmacologic stress techniques in the evaluation of myocardial ischemia. She validated the spectral analysis of intracoronary Doppler in the assessment of coronary flow reserve and myocardial ischemia in collaboration with researchers at St. Louis University. As principal investigator of the NASA human cardiovascular studies at Morehouse School of Medicine, Dr. Ofili is investigating the role of salt sensitivity in orthostatic intolerance during acute bed rest studies. Ultrasound based evaluation of cardiac and vascular structure form the basis of this and the long term bed rest studies that are done in collaboration with the NASA Biomedical Research Institute. Other research includes active clinical trials in the area of hypertension, cardiac hypertrophy regression, and heart failure outcomes.

ANNELLE B. PRIMM, MD, MPH
Director of Minority and National Affairs
American Psychiatric Association

Dr. Primm is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. From 1993 until 2004, she served as the medical director of the Johns Hopkins Community Psychiatry Program, a community mental health center, where she has developed and overseen a variety of mental health services for adults. Dr. Primm is a graduate of Harvard-Radcliffe College and Howard University College of Medicine. She completed her residency in Psychiatry, fellowship in Social and Community Psychiatry, and Masters of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins. She is a nationally recognized expert on cultural issues in psychiatry and co-occurring psychiatric illness and substance abuse and has written and lectured widely on these topics. Dr. Primm has been a leader in collaborative public educational outreach and mental health screening initiatives focused on medically underserved populations. She is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a member of the American College of Psychiatrists, and currently serves as Vice President of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists. Dr. Primm is Vice President for Public Education of the Mental Health Association of Maryland, an affiliate of the National Mental Health Association. She has received numerous awards and honors, including the 2001 Maryland Schizophrenia Award and the Career Communications, Inc. Women of Color in Science and Technology Emerald Award for Medical Education in 2003.

DIANA REED

Senior Public Affairs Executive
Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc

Ms. Reed received her BS degree from California State University-Chico. She has spent more than 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry. Her career has encompassed work experience in sales and marketing, government affairs and ally development. She has lobbied and coordinated ally development projects in over 30 states, on both coasts. Her disease state involvement includes; diabetes, metabolic disorders, cardiovascular disease, cancer, infectious disease, kidney and lung disease, AIDS and other viruses. Over the past two years, Ms. Reed has presented the D-ATLAS to numerous legislative audiences, as well as provider organizations and patient groups.

DAVID J. SATIN, MD

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Assistant Professor
Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
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Dr. Satin practices family medicine at Smiley's Family Medicine Residency Program, serving the diverse inner-city Minneapolis community. He completed his residency training at the University of Minnesota, following a medical degree from the University of Western Ontario (Canada), a Robert Jones Scholarship in philosophy to the University of St. Andrews (Scotland), a philosophy degree from the University of Western Ontario, and a health sciences degree from Marianopolis College in his home town of Montreal, Canada. Dr. Satin sits on state and national pay-for-performance (P4P) committees, researching and speaking publicly on P4P and other quality improvement programs. P4P provides financial incentives to clinicians who achieve particular markers of quality patient care, such as optimal blood pressure and blood sugar control in diabetic patients. Dr. Satin's work analyses the impact of P4P on quality of care; healthcare costs; medical professionalism; healthcare disparities; clinical judgment; access to care; administrative burden; and fairness to patients, clinicians serving underserved patients, health systems, third party payers, and purchasers of healthcare.

PHILIP S. WANG, MD, DRPH
Acting Deputy Director
National Institute of Mental Health

Dr. Wang completed an undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Harvard University, as well as medical school, psychiatry residency and chief residency, and masters and doctoral degrees in epidemiology. Presently, he serves as the Acting Deputy Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), where he assists the Director in overseeing 1300 staff and \$1.4 billion spent annually on basic and clinical research to understand and treat mental illnesses, paving the way for prevention, recovery and cure. Prior to joining NIMH, Dr. Wang served on the faculty at Harvard Medical School. An author of over 150 scientific publications in journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and *Lancet*, Dr. Wang has also held international and national advisory roles. He has served on the Food and Drug Administration's Psychopharmacologic Drug Advisory Committee, Medical Devices Advisory Committee, and the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee. He was also Chair of the World Health Organization World Mental Health Survey Initiative's Services Research Work Group. Currently, he is on the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fifth Revision (DSM-V)* Task Force.

ROBA WHITELEY
Executive Director
Together Rx Access®

Together Rx Access® provides individuals and families who are not eligible for Medicare and have no prescription drug coverage meaningful savings on their medicines. Ms. Whiteley educates and activates policymakers, key opinion leaders, consumers and others about the issue of being uninsured and its impact on the health and wealth of our nation and its people. In July 2004, Ms. Whiteley became executive director of Together Rx®, the nation's most widely-enrolled private prescription savings program for lower-income Medicare beneficiaries, with nearly 1.5 million cardholders. As vice president of marketing and communications with the National Council on the Aging (NCOA), Ms. Whiteley enhanced the organization's strategic partnerships, healthcare initiatives and health-focused media campaigns. Her collaborative efforts with government agencies and other stakeholder groups increased awareness of key issues linked to aging in America. Throughout her 25-year career, she has been a powerful health and patient advocate, serving as spokesperson for several health advocacy groups, including the American Dietetic Association and The American Heart Association. Ms. Whiteley holds a master's degree in nutrition science from Drexel University, and she serves on the Dean's Advisory Board of the Drexel University College of Medicine.

RANI WHITFIELD, MD
aka “Tha Hip Hop Doc”

Dr. Whitfield, aka “Tha Hip Hop Doc”, is a board certified family physician, and a pioneering member of that bunch. A native of Baton Rouge, LA, Dr. Whitfield earned his undergraduate degree while attending Southern University. He moved on to complete a sports medicine fellowship at Ohio State University and ultimately finished up his family practice in Dayton. “Tha Hip Hop Doc” or “H2D” engaged in a twelve-month campaign, five days a week during the evening drive on WEMX Max 94.1 FM. His commercials, aptly titled the “Hip Hop Medical Moment,” became a main draw that spawned the attention of his fellow Baton Rouge natives. Breast cancer, breast-feeding, hypertension, HIV and any other health topic that affects the Black community, became the subject on a given night. Currently in the midst of developing the Hip Hop Healthy Coalition, H2D plans to merge his three favorite pastimes: music, medicine and sports for the good of the community. Dr. Whitfield is an active member of the American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP); American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM); American Medical Society of Sports Medicine (AMSSM); Louisiana State Medical Association (LSMA); and East Baton Rouge Parish Medical Society (EBRPMS).

ANNE WILKINS
Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing and Chief Strategy Officer
Healthways

Ms. Wilkins is responsible for strategy, marketing and innovations. She joined Healthways in 2008 after over fifteen years with the Boston Consulting Group, where she was Partner and Managing Director and lead of their North America Payer practice. Anne has worked with many health care companies to address issues of strategy, corporate development, operational effectiveness, integration and organizational change. She has a particular interest in how all the stakeholders in health care, including individuals, employers, payers and providers, can work to improve health, well-being and productivity. Anne has co-authored papers including *Realizing the Promise of Disease Management* and a series on *The Emerging World of Medical Management*. Anne holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where she concentrated in strategic management and marketing, and a BS in finance, summa cum laude, from the University of Connecticut

RICHARD ALLEN WILLIAMS, MD
President and CEO
The Minority Health Institute

Dr. Williams was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware, the youngest of eight children. He received the M.D. degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, performed his internship at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, Internal Medicine residency at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, and Cardiology fellowship at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Dr. Williams has numerous publications and awards to his credit and is the author of *The Textbook of Black-related Disease*, published by McGraw-Hill in 1975. This 900-page book details medical conditions peculiar to African Americans. No other book of its kind has been written before or since, and it is widely considered the classic seminal work on the medical status of Blacks. Dr. Williams founded the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) in 1974 and served as its president for 10 years. He also became the first chairman of the Board of Directors and started the ABC Newsletter. The ABC established the endowed Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for Black Medical Students in his honor in 1980.

CLYDE W. YANCY, MD, FACC, FAHA, MACP
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Dr. Yancy is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine. He received his post-graduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology and subsequently accepted a faculty appointment at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas where he ascended to full Professor of Medicine, and became an Associate Dean. He now holds the current positions within the Baylor Health Care System. Dr. Yancy's professional interests include hypertension, heart failure/heart transplantation, racial disparities in cardiovascular disease and quality of care. Dr. Yancy has contributed to greater than 200 publications in the medical literature. He holds multiple editorial positions including *The American Journal of Cardiology*, *The American Heart Journal*, and *Circulation*. His honors include: the Marquis Who's Who in America, 2008; Cardiologists-In-Training Hero Award, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc, 2006.; Outstanding Teacher 2005-2006, UT Southwestern; and Texas Super Doctors 2005 thru 2008. In 2003, he was named "AHA (national) Physician of the Year". Dr. Yancy is a consultant for the FDA, NIH and ABC news; and holds membership in the Heart Failure Society of America; American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and other professional associations. For 2009-2010, he is President-Elect of the national American Heart Association.

JOANNE ZUJEWSKI, MD
Head, Breast Cancer Therapeutics
National Cancer Institute

Dr. Zujewski is the Head, Breast Cancer Therapeutics, in the Clinical Investigation Branch of the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP) of the National Cancer Institute. In this role, she is the scientific liaison and disease expert for breast cancer clinical trials sponsored by the CTEP program of the NCI. Dr. Zujewski's research activities include the clinical development of targeted agents for the treatment of breast cancer. She was the founding chairperson of the Breast Cancer Faculty steering committee at NCI and a member of the planning committee for the NIH Consensus conference for the adjuvant treatment of breast cancer. She is the author of numerous publications in breast cancer treatment and prevention. A native of Chicago, Illinois, she received her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Marquette University and her Masters of Administrative Science from Johns Hopkins Evening College. Dr. Zujewski earned her MD at the University of Minnesota. She joined the staff at the National Cancer Institute in 1993 and spent her first 10 years at the NCI in the intramural research program evaluating targeted therapeutics for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer. In November, 2004, Dr. Zujewski joined the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP) as the Head, Breast Cancer Therapeutics of the Clinical Investigations Branch.