AACT II Lecture Series - The Trials

Karen Schultz, MPH – COPD Trials and New Drug Discoveries

Karen E. Schultz MPH, attended St. Louis University School of Public Health, where she received a Master in Public Health with a focus on Epidemiology and Environmental Health. Karen has worked in Public Health for over a decade focusing on the community’s role in clinical research. Karen’s dedication and passion is displayed in her personal mantra “you can’t do public health without the public.”

Karen always puts her patients first and ensures their safety and total understanding of the project. She has worked in fields ranging from bioterrorism to diabetes, and recently joined Texas Pulmonary and Critical Care Consultants; focusing her energy on COPD and geriatric care. When not working, Karen enjoys a day with her mom, or playing with her 4 rescued shelties she found volunteering at her passion organization, the Dallas Sheltie Rescue.

Honoring Dallas’ African American Media Health Outreach

Jim Washington, Publisher, The Dallas Weekly

Jim Washington, Publisher, The Dallas Weekly was founded in 1955 by Tony Davis, an entrepreneur who, by the 1970s, built it into the city’s largest black paper. In 1985, Washington’s father, James Washington, bought the paper; he continues to serve as its publisher. Washington grew up in the newsroom. But when he returned to Dallas in 2008, after spending a few years trying to break into Hollywood, the sheen of the paper’s glory days had faded. The Dallas Weekly had suffered the same fate as many black papers in America.

By the early 20th century, there were black papers serving virtually every American city. During the civil rights era, African-American newspapers played a significant role in covering the fight for equality. But in recent years, as with all print media, the papers have struggled.

Washington says perhaps the most important thing to happen to the Dallas Weekly is a renewed sense that the black press still has an important role to play. Today with both his newspaper and the Dallas Weekly online radio broadcast, Jim continues to try to saturate the African American community with multi-levels of news, business race relations and health information. We salute the health outreach of the Dallas Weekly, and publisher Jim Washington.

African Americans in Clinical Trials

AACT I and II Lecture Series

COPD, Heart Disease, Multiple Myeloma
And NEW DRUG DISCOVERIES

Learn from Guest Physicians and their Clinical Trials Presentations

SPECIAL GUEST Master of Ceremony: Zach Thompson

Zachary Thompson, Director of Dallas County Health and Human Services, Zach has served as an adjunct professor in Eastfield’s Social Work and Substance Abuse Counseling programs since 1991. He earned an associate degree from El Centro College and holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master’s degree from Amber University. He has more than 25 years experience in providing social services, and serves as consultant to educational and community-based programs.

INVOCATION: Pastor Donald R. Parish, Sr.

Pastor Donald R. Parish Sr. has been a member of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church all of his life. He was raised as the seventh out of eight children from the blessed union of Pastor Robert Lawrence Parish Sr. and Louis Marie Wagner-Parish. He was drafted into the United States Army April 4, 1964 and served in the Vietnam War for two years at the rank of Sergeant. After Vietnam, he continued his membership at True Lee Missionary Baptist Church and accepted his calling into the ministry in 1979 under the leadership of his father Pastor R. L. Parish Sr. He eventually became and worked as special assistant to his Father for 10 years.
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What is The CALL TO ACTION?
The Dallas CALL TO ACTION Coalition will be part of a national strategy to reach and educate African Americans both about disease conditions and the importance of participating in new drug discoveries. In 2008, NPPR PROJECT, networking with over 103 partners from around the U.S. developed a national Field for African Americans. The collective national coalition, called The AACT (African Americans in Clinical Trials) Coalition partners with existing local medical groups to engage African American communities in health discussions and bring directly to the audience viable clinical trials that could impact their lives. Health advocates, church ministries and networks partner to address racial disparities in health care and actual clinical trials available to them in their community. Each city forms a replicable MODEL whose purpose is to provide ongoing education and a better understanding of critical diseases and how their participation in clinical research trials impact their health now and in the future. AACT I, II Cities include Tampa, Atlanta, Houston, Louisville, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, St. Louis, Charleston and Columbia, SC, Raleigh and Las Vegas.

AACT I Lecture Series- The Disease
James Race, MD- Heart Disease and African Americans
Dr. Race, attended Texas Southern University, Case Western Reserve University graduate in Biochemistry and graduate of Meharry Medical College in 1983. With over 28 years in Internal Medicine, Dr. Race has been heavily involved in clinical research in diabetes, cardiovascular and hypertension. An active force in the community, he is Past Chairman – Dallas Division American Heart Association (AHA) African- American Task Force, Member – Executive Board AHA, Dallas Division, Chairman AHA Minority Council and Past Chairman AHA Community Site. He’s an active member of the Dallas County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association and Texas Geriatric Society. Dr. Race served his internal medicine residency training at the Southside Regional Medical Center. This high quality hospital was rated 88 out of 100 by our rating system and is indicative of a good training experience.

What our African American community should know about Heart Disease, COPD and Multiple Myeloma

Mitchell Kuppingter, MD- COPD and African Americans
Dr. Kuppingter was ABIM Certified in Internal Medicine – 1976 and received his ABIM subspecialty certification in Pulmonary Diseases – 1978. He’s a retired Pulmonologist and Critical Care Specialist graduating from Rice University in 1966. He attended University of Kansas Medical School graduating 1970. After a Medical Internship and 3 years as a GMO in the US Navy, he did a General Internal Medicine residency followed by a Pulmonary Medicine fellowship at the State University Hospital in Syracuse, New York. His private practice in Tarrant county in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine was with Dr. John Burk, who founded Texas Pulmonary and Critical Care Consultants in 1978. The practice grew to a 30 + physician group covering most hospitals in Tarrant county.

Larry Anderson, MD, PHD- Multiple Myeloma in African Americans
Dr. Larry Anderson, MD, PHD, is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he specializes in the treatment of Multiple Myeloma and other plasma cell disorders. He also has 13 years of experience with bone marrow and stem cell transplantation and runs an active clinical trial program for Myeloma patients. With the current treatments for myeloma, experts estimate the average survival is now eight to 10 years, Dr. Anderson explains. And the latest FDA-approved treatments are more effective and more manageable than traditional chemotherapy. In addition to offering patients the most innovative therapies and a range of clinical trials for plasma cell disorders, he delivers comprehensive, highly specialized care.