50 Hoops’ Call to Action has, over the years, encouraged both doctors and participants. At the close of our Lectures there is a line or participants ready to make appointments to get their personal and individual questions answered. An average of 40% of the participants followed through with calls and appointments, letting us know that the energy generated by our Lecture Series is one that is critically needed throughout the country. We will continue to keep in touch with our Network Coordinators, Advisory Teams, medical partners and clinicians to evaluate the ongoing impact of our Lectures.

What we’re learning about our audiences...

**Physicians**

...More than 89% (nationally) of our audiences said they benefitted from the panel of physicians in the Lecture series. Doctors committed to stay involved.

**Workshops**

...Over 60% said after the lecture series they would schedule time to talk with a clinical professional about joining a clinical trial. Also wanted to continue discussion.

**Cultural**

“The value of trials for African Americans… How important genetic family history, plays major role in certain illnesses. The importance of clinical trials.”

Message from Director

In 2016, we broke new ground for 50 Hoops. We moved into our 19th year and 20th season of partnering and lectures in nearly a dozen cities. We partnered with seminars, workshops and conferences, and established new ties with leading hospitals and university medical centers. Through it all we recognize that 50 Hoops is a team effort and we want to thank everyone from our sponsors, grantors who made it financially possible to undertake our mission to the community leaders, advisory teams and network coordinators, and health coalitions. We especially thank the community navigators, the physicians and medical professionals who gave of their time and talents; and those who pledged to keep finding ways to educate minorities in their communities when we leave. To the service workers, vendors, and local staff both volunteer and paid.. to the myriad of host churches, their active health ministries, church staffs and workers who tirelessly work to insure our patient education outreach REACHES their communities.

Thank you ALL.
50 Hoops Coast-to-Coast
Here’s What They Say:

Durham, NC

“It was a rare opportunity to have doctors/medical professionals from Duke University Cancer and UNC Chapel Hill, with various areas of expertise all in the same room.”

“Succinct & clear info about health risks/CT’s testimonials from Dr. Darkes & Dr. Granger…Power point slides as visuals.. EXCELLENT!”

“Well organized- (Durham) Valarie Worthy (network coordinator) & 50 Hoops, excellent panelist of physicians and researchers, excellent facilitator- Melissa Wade (local media celebrity)...”

Memphis, TN

“What did I learn? Reminder to take care of my health, take preventative measures...Learning about the disproportionate mortality rate in diseases among African Americans.”

Ft Worth, TX

“How important genetic family history, environment plays major role in certain illnesses. The importance of clinical trials.”

“Understanding the importance of clinical trials for African Americans”

“Continue your same format.. Today was very good...And, Just don’t stop having them!”

Oakland, CA

The Allen Temple Health Education Ministry (ATHEM) of Oakland would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for partnering with us for our 39th Annual Holistic Health Fair, held on Saturday August 13, 2016.

We also appreciate you providing pamphlets on men’s health and other diseases. Too often our African American men go too long without seeking treatment, allowing preventable or treatable diseases to go undetected and resulting in poorer outcomes. Your presence at the fair definitely had an impact! --Deacon Harold Goodman, Chairperson, Health Education Ministry
Network Coordinators and Advisory Teams fuel the energy for our National Patient Education

5 What diseases would you be interested in more info on?

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Accumulative 2009 - 2016
Other: Seizure, Arthritis, Lupus, Cholesterol, Cervical Cancer, Sarcodosis, Allergies, Thyroid, Immunization

2009-2016 Field Research

50 Hoops Legends 2016
Senior Olympic Basketball Partners:
Arkansas Big Dogs lead 50 Hoops Legends Games

50 Hoops Legends began this year, with many opportunities to grow seeds of opportunities within our National Senior Olympic Basketball affiliations. Stan Eckwood, Captain, Arkansas Big Dogs, became the first National 50 Hoops Legends Coordinator.

Ed,
Thank you! We enjoyed the games. Scorekeepers and refs were good. Your tournament is definitely one that we want to continue to support. … we do want to return. I think with more (outreach), we can grow this to … benefit prostate cancer. Your games are a class act endeavor and one that we look forward to again. I will spread the word.

It was real nice meeting you!
Pat Quinlan, Senior Olympics Women's Basketball
2016 Goals Met

Expanded Outreach

In 2016 50 Hoops expanded our outreach to include several cities not previously visited. We were able to form networks from Duke University in Durham and UNC Chapel Hill to Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland. We outreached in nearly a dozen cities in 2016, reaching past our goal of 1500 impacted by our message.

Increased Field Research

No matter where we present the AACT I, II, Fabulous 50 to Sexy at 60 Workshops, partnered a major Health Event or host Cancer Lectures, nearly half-dozen surveys are administered during the Lectures which measures the Success of the Lecture Series in each city. Some of the questions that the face-to-face education and surveys continue to reveal:

Face-To-Face patient learning best

1. More need for access by African Americans to health and disease information. Nearly 60% said that the 50 Hoops’ Lecture Series offered them more access than other programs within the community. Also face-to-face with doctors was premium.

2. A need for more opportunities to learn about clinical trials and treatment options: 90% of participants in all AACT I, II cities surveyed agreed that there is a critical need for more continuous, ongoing programs like AACT I, II Lectures, and 82% believe that there is a need for better communications from clinical research professionals to alert them of important clinical trials within the community.

Clinical Trials Disease Awareness

3. There is a critical need to focus upon which clinical trials are of most interest (needed) in each city/region. In the northeast, it was discovered that various cancers such as multiple myeloma, breast, prostate, lung, bladder, COPD as well as cardiovascular diseases were of high interest. In the western regions Stroke, Heart attack, COPD, lung, breast and colon disease trials would draw their attention.
2016 Lessons Learned

Strengthening Coalitions

Finally, in each of the over half-dozen cities, 50 Hoops was able to either strengthen or add local Coalitions and community navigators in our database, allowing us to return and continue our African Americans in Clinical Trials and FAB 50 lectures in the future.

Needs, commitment Increases with Age

Lessons learned this year were consistent across the board. There is a continuous, ongoing need for 50 Hoops’ Lectures, workshops and conference-type programs. One time events brought much hope that the community is finally "getting it," as it relates to educating African Americans about clinical trials. However, the older participants needed more resources.

Continuous Outreach

However more is needed. The AACT I segment opened the trust level of the participants, who, during and Q&A were candid about the disparities in the mostly non-minority health care system. The AACT II segment offered participants a way to navigate into a variety of clinical trial opportunities to the point that the clinical research were able to answer questions (in a safe, trusting environment).

Call-to-Action Coalitions are Critical

The Call to Action encouraged both doctors and participants a line to make appointments to get their personal and individual questions answered. An average of 40% of the participants followed through with calls and appointments, letting us know that the energy generated by ACT I, II Lecture Series is one which is critically needed throughout the country.

Recognizing that with each city we've traveled, there are often dozens of pockets of African American communities, stakeholders -- and opportunities to educate. The lessons learned means that our work is far from completed.
50 Hoops 2016: OUTCOMES Activities

For the AACT I, II Lecture Series, Fabulous 50 to Sexy at 60 and 50 Hoops our annual Call To Action Plan (CTA) offers immediate (on-the-spot) assignments to community stakeholders, health ministries and community organizations for inclusion of ongoing clinical education activities in each community.

This CTA allowed us to
(1) Developed 2-5 organizational partnerships AT each Lecture city, Conference in 2016. 10 cities renewed or added to network.

Success Indicator 1:
Calling upon local community stakeholders, health ministries and health organizations to include ongoing monthly and quarterly clinical education segments into their programs utilizing clinical research professionals (CRPs). All CTA organizations partner in this joint community initiative

(2) Developed (on-the spot) commitments for over 30 volunteer patient and community organizations and over a dozen Navigators among both key community stakeholders and CRPs.

Success Indicator 2:
50 Hoops has available a “Site Training Manual” that can help with strategy and development for both community stakeholders and clinical research professionals for better ongoing coordination and outcomes measurements for success. We annually follow-up with our communities to assess the progress of AACT-related events. Over 80% of the communities continue to provide (added) ongoing clinical education to constituencies through programs and health fairs.

(3) Distributed disease and clinical trial information for COPD, Cardiovascular, and other diseases in cooperation with local national disease organizations and university hospitals.

Success Indicator 3:
Participants (mostly underserved) will have expanded resources (both written and via browser on smart phone) about, the disease, optional treatment options and new clinical trials available.

(4) Field Researched and surveyed nearly 1300 participations and explored ways that encourage individuals to take the initiative to seek the health educational tools available within the community.

Success Indicator 4:
Participants register for the 50 Hoops’ FREE mobile health text message service, “African American Health Matters” which offers tips and information about diseases and related clinical trials. AAHM has over 61,000 subscribers which increase annually and are acquired exclusively during face-to-face events such as AACT I, II Conferences. The “Fabulous 50 to Sexy at 60” Dinners, Our 50 Hoops Cancer Breakfats and National Prostate Cancer Basketball Tournaments are our flagships. Participants can also subscribe to African American Health Matters through their cell phone browsers at: www.africanamericanhealthmatters.com

(5) More than 500 participants registered for the 50 Hoops FREE Mobile Health text message service, “African American Health Matters.”
Dr. Nadine Barrett Ph.D., MA, MS
Dr. Barrett has devoted her career to reducing health disparities for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations for over 15 years. She has served as inaugural Director of the Office of Health Equity and Disparities at the Duke Cancer Institute; faculty in the Department of Community and Family Medicine's Division of Community Health; and Director of the Duke CTSA Community Connections Core, Center for Community and Population Health Improvement. As a medical sociologist, Dr. Barrett develops partnerships and collaborations to improve community health outcomes. Numerous awards and honors include the American Sociology Association's Minority Fellowship Doctoral Award and the NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Pastor Jeannette F. Jordan
Pastor Jordan is an author and national public speaker on nutrition and other health related topics. She is a Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator, and a Former Spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1980 and a Master's in Nutritional Science Degree in 1990 from South Carolina State University. Jeannette is also an Ordained Minister and is the Senior Pastor of the Church House of Ministries World Wide, Ladson, SC. Her vision for the health and welfare of her congregation encompasses mind, body and spirit, with her passion for championing awareness—on multi levels—about our health.

Ms. Valarie Worthy, MPH
Valarie Clark Worthy has been a registered nurse for over 34 years and employed by Duke University Health System for 14 years. Currently, she is a Patient Navigator Manager at the Duke Cancer Institute. A 17-year breast cancer survivor, she understands the importance of early detection and is passionate about getting that message out to the community. In 2003, she helped organize the local chapter of Sisters Network, Inc., a survivorship organization for African American women with breast cancer. In addition to her work with the American Cancer Society, Duke, and Sisters Network Triangle NC, Valarie is active in health ministry in Durham, NC at the River Church.

Mr. Cornell Wright, MPA
Cornell P. Wright is a subject-matter expert in the areas of health equity and disparities, minority health, and community engagement. Wright is currently the Executive Director of the North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities under the NC Department of Health and Human Services within the Division of Public Health. Wright is an active member of the health community, serving on various boards. Wright has received numerous awards and recognitions for his extraordinary contributions to health from National Institute of Health, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, North Carolina Central University, and National Minority Quality Forum.

Pastor Steve Sims
Pastor Steve Sims has served for twelve years as the Executive Pastor of The River Church of Durham, North Carolina. Pastor Sims oversees the daily administration of the church: staff pastors, executive and administrative assistants, financial officers, facilities and building maintenance personnel and other support staff. Pastor Sims also serves as the Chief Liaison for the Bishop’s Council of River Fellowship International (RFI). He works closely with The River’s senior leader, Pastor Ronald L. Godbee, and Bishop Joby and Pastor Sheryl Brady, internationally known conference speakers and campus pastors of the Potter’s
Minister Melissa Wade-Cutler

Minister Melissa Wade-Cutler is a native of North Carolina, who began her radio career at WFXC in 1991, where she was a morning show sidekick and news personality. She has also worked with WQOK in Raleigh and WAMO in Pittsburgh, PA as a morning show co-host. Melissa is currently the Assistant Program Director for The Light 103.9 and producer of “Get Up Mornings with Erica Campbell” in addition to hosting her own show, “Wade in the Water.” Melissa has also directed and performed in various stage plays, speaks at community events and supports her favorite causes.

Pastor Ronald Godbee, Senior Pastor, The River Church

Ronald L. Godbee, the author of *Why Leaders Fail*, is lead pastor of The River Church in Durham, North Carolina. After serving as a traveling evangelist, Pastor Godbee established the Inner Court Christian Center in the heart of the inner city of Detroit, MI. There, he was appointed by Presiding Prelate Bishop Edgar L. Vann II to serve as general overseer and executive council member of the Kingdom Alliance Covenant Fellowship. Pastor Godbee is noted for his hosting skills and has been a regular host on many Christian talk shows.
Featuring Special Guest

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks, prostate cancer survivor. For 30+ years, Roy has represented his community as a community volunteer, city elected official, and as County Commissioner embracing the core values of integrity, innovation and growth. He continuously addresses healthcare issues such as: Healthcare for the Homeless, Infant Mortality, Obesity, Health Disparities, and AIDS Education. Roy is aggressively involved in State and Federal levels of government to assist in developing programs that create and shape healthcare policy in this Nation’s counties. In July 2015, Roy was elected 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties where he will become President in July 2017.

Dr. Reverend Roy Elton Brackins
Reverend Brackins, is President Emeritus of the Board of Directors for One Church One Child Inc. of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He also serves as the Assistant Treasurer for B.E.L.A. (Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance). He’s a member of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., where he has worked with the Evangelical Board for over 30 years. Pastor Brackins is founding Pastor of the Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church. He’s authored three books, most recently, 365 Days of Devotion, Development and Discipline with Jesus, released last year, He was recognized for outstanding service by St. Thomas Christian University of Jacksonville, Florida, with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.
2016 Ft Worth PREMIER of Fabulous 50 to Sexy at 60: Putting the CAN in Cancer

Brian Berryman, M.D.- Multiple Myeloma in African Americans

Brian Berryman, M.D. is the Medical Director of the Blood Marrow Transplant Outreach Programs/Clinics at the Texas Oncology-Baylor, Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center Blood and Marrow Transplant program. Dr. Berryman joined the staff there in 2001, and is the principal investigator and co-investigator for numerous research trials. He specializes in hematology and medical oncology and is board-certified in internal medicine and medical Oncology.

A magna cum laude graduate, Dr. Berryman received his B.S. degree from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and his M.D. from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology and oncology at UT Southwestern.

Revathi Angitapalli, MD- Breast Cancer in African Americans

Revathi Angitapalli, MD has extensive knowledge and experience treating breast malignancies. Prior to joining USMD, she was in private practice at Arlington Cancer Center. During that time, she was involved in the development of Arlington Memorial Hospital’s breast cancer program. She also served as visiting associate physician at Rockefeller University in New York, where she conducted lab research on myeloma. She is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine Certification in Medical Oncology and Hematology. Dr. Angitapalli graduated from Kurnool Medical College; completed her residency at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, and fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.
Versie Pruitt

When you meet Versie Pruitt, you meet an honest, loving and dependable woman. Versie was a loving and faithful wife to the late James Pruitt, who died from pancreatic cancer in 2012. Versie is a two-time breast cancer survivor, conquering the disease in 1999 and 2003. She has been blessed to be the mother of 3, grandmother of 7, and great-grandmother of 11 (and still counting). Her current hobbies are working as a licensed wedding planner, cruising every year and participating in the Steppin’ Grannies dance team. Versie’s future plans are to remain healthy and enjoy life to the fullest.

Vincent B. Adams

Born on Christmas day, Vincent B. Adams grew up in Jasper, Texas, and graduated seventh in his high school class. His hard work led to a four-year athletic football scholarship to Stephen F. Austin State University, where he graduated in 1988. Vince began his career with State Farm Insurance Company in the claims department, and acquired his own agency in April 1998. His efforts resulted in several awards: “2012 Business Man of the Year Award,” “2012 Seasoned Leader Award,” “2013 Diamond Business Partner Award,” “2015 Pillar of the Community Award,” and the “2015 Community Service Award.” Vince has two children, and is an active member of Great Commission Baptist Church.

Johnnie Morine

Johnnie Morine is well versed with risks and rewards of business. He has operated as an accomplished business entrepreneur over 33 years and has gained immeasurable experience, including real estate sales, business development and operations management. Johnnie functioned as a procurement broker to accelerate purchases for large partners with non-established vendors, who carried specialized products of need. This operation also included onsite services of hardware/software installation and significant levels of networking. Johnnie enjoyed a fifteen-year tenure with worldwide sales. Currently, Johnnie and his team serve as premier real estate listing agents and top producers in Ft. Worth and Dallas.
Dr. Kevin Thomas, MD - Heart Disease in African American
Dr. Thomas is a Cardiac Electrophysiologist, and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Disease at Duke University Medical Center. He maintains multiple administrative positions across Duke Health including: the Director of Faculty Diversity and Health Disparities Research at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI), Associate Director of the Duke CTSA TL-1 scholars program, Co-Director of the Duke Health Disparities Research curriculum, and is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for URM Faculty. Dr. Thomas received his undergraduate degree from Emory University and a medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is an active member of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

ACT I Lecture Series - The Disease

Brandi Reeves, M.D. - Multiple Myeloma: The mysterious cancer
Dr. Reeves, Assistant Professor in the division of Hematology-Oncology at the University of North Carolina did her training as a Fellow at the University of North Carolina Hospital. She completed her residency at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education and Medical School at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Her clinical expertise is Paraproteinemias and Myeloproliferative Neoplasms. She is involved in many clinical trials and additionally conducts laboratory studies investigating the mechanisms of thrombosis in cancers. In particular, her research focuses on the interplay between coagulation and inflammation in the pathogenesis of thrombosis and cancer progression.
Timothy L. Huggins, MD - Pancreatic Cancer in African Americans
Dr. Huggins graduated from and completed his residency at the University of South Alabama Medical School in Mobile, Alabama. He did his fellowship in Digestive Diseases and Therapeutic Biliary Endoscopy at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He has been in solo practice in Weatherford, Texas for over 21 years. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians and the American Gastroenterological Association. Dr. Huggins is husband and proud father of 6, he is an avid golfer and fisherman during his spare time.

Ray Page, DO, PhD - Prostate Cancer and African American men
Dr. Ray Page, is President and Director of Research at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in Ft. Worth. He received his B.S. Degree from Southwestern University; a M.S. Degree at Baylor University; and completed a dual doctorate medical scientist program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth. He was Chief Fellow at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he trained in oncology and hematology, and was recently named to the “Texas Super Doctor Hall of Fame.” Dr. Page remains at the forefront of new drug development and anticancer therapies, and has been the principal investigator of over 180 oncology clinical trials.

Bob Williams
Bob Williams is a founding member of the North Texas Prostate Cancer Association, and a survivor since 2008. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in accounting, and a Vietnam Area Veteran (U.S. Army). Mr. Williams is also a semi-retired financial advisor with Prudential Financial, and an elder at the Warren Ave. Christian Church in Dallas. He is married to Linda Lampkin Williams, and has a daughter and two grandchildren. He is a big sports fan and plays golf several times a week, as the weather permits.
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

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.

What our community should know about
Heart Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Breast & Prostate Cancer
Gretchen G. Kimmick, M.D., MS - Impact of Breast Cancer on the community

Dr. Kimmick is a breast medical oncologist and Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center. Originally a New Jersey native, she came to North Carolina in 1985 to study medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine (WFUSOM). She trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Florida and Medical Oncology at WFUSOM, where she also earned a Masters Degree in Epidemiology. Dr. Kimmick is an active clinician who also contributes to research, with a particular interest in making sure all women receive the best care for breast cancer, with publication credits in numerous journals and textbooks.

Leroy S. Darkes, M.D.- Prostate Cancer and “at risk” African Americans

Dr. Darkes is a native of Atlantic City, NJ and is a second-generation graduate of Rutgers University. He earned degrees from Rutgers College in 1978 and Rutgers Medical School in 1982. Dr. Darkes practiced internal medicine in Camden, NJ before moving to North Carolina in 1989 to join Kaiser Permanente. During his practice with the Permanente Medical Group, Dr. Darkes served as Chief of Quality Resource Management. In 2004, he was appointed by North Carolina Governor Michael Easley to serve on the North Carolina State Minority Health Advisory Council.

AACT II Lecture Series - The Clinical Trials

Christopher Granger, M.D.- Cardiovascular trials & treatments

Dr. Granger is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Duke University and Director of the Cardiac Care Unit for the Duke University Medical Center. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart Association. He is Associate Editor of the American Heart Journal, serves on the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, and is a cardiology section author for Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment. Dr. Granger’s primary research interest is in the conduct and methodology of large randomized clinical trials in heart disease; he currently serves on a number of clinical trial steering committees.
Rebecca Shelby, Ph.D.- Breast Cancer Trials: What it means for African Americans

Dr. Shelby is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University, and Director of Education and Training for the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program. She is a member of the Duke Pain Prevention and Treatment Research Program and the Duke Cancer Control and Population Sciences Program. Dr. Shelby completed her graduate training in clinical psychology at Ohio State University and her clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. Her research focuses on developing and evaluating behavioral interventions for cancer patients, pain management and treatment of side effects, and improving adherence to recommended care.

Thomas J. Polascik, M.D.- Prostate Cancer Trials: How new guidelines affect African American men?

Dr. Polascik is a professor in the Duke Cancer Institute, Department of Surgery, at Duke University. Dr. Polascik trained at Johns Hopkins and did an oncology fellowship under Alan W. Partin, M.D. Ph.D. He joined Duke in 1998 and has practice and research interests in prostate and kidney cancers. He is the founder and co-director of the International Symposium on Focal Therapy and Imaging of Prostate and Kidney Cancer that began at Duke in 2008. Dr. Polascik is the editor of Imaging and Focal Therapy of Early Prostate Cancer. He is the director of the Society of Urologic Oncology program and also the Genitourinary Program on Focal Therapy at the Duke Cancer Institute, and author of over 250 manuscripts.

AACT I, II (African Americans in Clinical Trials) Dinner Lecture Series Mission:
The AACT I, II (African Americans in Clinical Trials) National Lecture Series tour is designed to bring community leaders, survivors, doctors and church ministries together for an educational dialogue about diseases and health care disparities within our communities. The Series addresses the diseases that critically affect African Americans and helps participants better understand the importance of new drug discoveries and how they relate to these diseases.
What our African American community should know about Heart Disease, COPD and Multiple Myeloma

Mitchell Kuppinger, MD - COPD and African Americans

Dr. Kuppinger 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.
To Whom It May Concern: 16 September 2016

I have participated in the 50 Hoops’ Durham premier of African Americans in Clinical Trials, or AACT I, II Dinner Lecture Series. As a physician, I believe that this program strongly impacts the health education of our community, and that this organization offers high quality programs in our community.

Our work at Duke University Cancer Institute in reaching African Americans for clinical trials has, in the past been dependent upon the nature of the disease. Prostate cancer disproportionately affects our African American men, and as a scientific community we need to do better to develop new programs that take into account race as well as the underlying molecular biology, and real or perceived barriers to bring about positive change. We are working on these fronts through grants and clinical trials research at Duke. Having the opportunity to present our prostate cancer information and inform about clinical trials was overwhelmingly received by the Durham African America community leaders.

We hope we can continue to assist and work with 50 Hoops in the future to educate and partner with our African American men, and to grow a community clinical trials network that instills curiosity as well as trust in new discoveries.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Polascik, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Professor of Surgery
Director, Urologic Oncology Fellowship
Director, GU Program on Focal Therapy
Deacon Harold Goodman is a retired Logistician who worked over 25 years in the Transportation Industry. Deacon Goodman has been involved in the Health Care Industry for the past 8 years and is coordinating the Allen Temple Baptist Church annual Holistic Health Fair which will celebrate the 39th year of providing Health Care Services to the East Oakland Community on August 13th, 2016. The Health Fair has over 100 Health Care providers proving free services to over approximately 1,000 individuals annually. We are delighted to have 50 Hoops join us this year. Deacon Goodman is an active member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church located in Oakland Ca. and serve as the Chairperson of the Health Education Ministry and Treasurer of the United Men Ministry.

Dr. Lanelle Perry is the President and CEO of Above and Beyond Childcare Center, Inc. and Quality Health Care Consultants, Inc. She holds two bachelors Degrees, Bachelors of Arts, Social Work from Morgan State University, Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Case Western Reserve University/ Frances Payne Bolton and a Master of Science Degree in Community Health Nursing. She has her certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist with prescriptive authority. She received her PhD in May, 2006 in Biblical Counseling from Long Beach Bible Institute.

Sandra Hamilton, RN, BSN, Med
A retired clinical research nurse at West Clinic, Sandra Hamilton has served on the West Tennessee Disparities Committee for the past six years, and is former state Colorectal Cancer Chair for the Tennessee Cancer Coalition. She is a 25-year plus volunteer for the American Cancer Society and current member of the Mid-South Division Community Action Team of Shelby County. At Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Sandra served as the Associate Director/Clinical Coordinator/Health Communications Specialist for the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer III, a project of the National Cancer Institute. She holds a BSN from Tennessee State University, an FNP from Vanderbilt University, and MEd from Trevecca Nazarene University. (See NBLIC information)
Stan Eckwood

Stan Eckwood is an Arkansas native who has spent countless hours giving back to his community. Stan is the president and founder of The Arkansas Big Dogs, a Senior Olympics basketball team. The national organization hosts a variety of sports competitions for participants who are 50 and older. In 2005, he established the Arkansas Big Dogs Charity Association to raise money for cancer patients, youth education, after-school, holiday giving programs and more. Stan worked as a distribution manager at Center Point Energy for 33 years. He has a BA in Education, Harding University.

Sharon Denise Allison-Ottey, MD is an energetic and engaging speaker, author, health educator/physician and health strategist/consultant. Dr. Allison-Ottey serves as Executive Director of The COSHAR Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit organization focused on impacting the health of the world, one community at a time. Under her leadership, the foundation has expanded its presence and impact with innovative programs that have touched millions of lives. Additionally, she serves as the Health Strategist for several national organizations and oversees programs, long and short term strategies ensuring effectiveness and achievement of goals. She is a consummate businesswoman and is the Founder and CEO of Carlden Media, Marketing and Publishing as well as Beautiful Woman Inside and Out, Inc. Dr. Allison-Ottey’s companies have a national scope that reaches millions with their products, services and events. Dr. Allison-Ottey is a media personality with a presence in TV, radio and print and is one of the nation’s most influential physicians and health advocates.
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