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Drexel-Health Partners Seminar
Series on
INNOVATIONS TO REDUCE DISPARITIES
IN HEALTH CARE



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CLINICAL, HEALTH PLAN AND COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND INTERVENTION TO UNDERSTAND AND REDUCE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN HEALTH CARE

As the urgency of reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health care increases in both prominence and importance, health care providers and programs are reexamining traditional approaches, and undertaking new ways, to alleviate these longstanding inequities. The third Drexel-Health Partners Seminar will focus on improving quality of care for diverse residents in Philadelphia; identifying personal and neighborhood influences affecting health and health care; discussing the importance of cultural competence in the care process; and highlighting specific efforts around priority conditions in communities, such as Hepatitis C.

THE PANEL:

DENNIS ANDRULIS, PhD, MPH, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUALITY & ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH, DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH—Dr. Andrulis has published extensively on issues affecting urban communities, uninsured, and other vulnerable populations. He is co-author of *Managed Care in the Inner City*, and created a cultural competence self-assessment tool for health care organizations as well as a national cultural competence conference series.

MERLEEN HARRIS-WILLIAMS, MD, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HEALTH PARTNERS OF PHILADELPHIA—Dr. Harris-Williams is the Center Physician for Management Training Corporation's Job Corp Program and a Medical Consultant for Philadelphia Community College Student Health Center. Previously, she was Medical Director for Oaktree Health Plans and an Associate Medical Director for Oxford Health Plans. Dr. Harris-Williams has maintained her own private practice for almost 20 years.

JOHN RICH, MD, MPH, PROFESSOR & CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT, DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH—Prior to joining SPH, Dr. Rich was Medical Director for the Boston Public Health Commission, the health department for the city of Boston. Dr. Rich is an expert in inner-city health problems, particularly urban violence, men's health and racial disparities. He is the Founder and Director of the Young Men's Health Clinic at Boston Medical Center, a primary care clinic designed to meet the health needs of young men in the inner-city. He serves as Principal Investigator on a number of CDC-funded grants including REACH Elders and STEPS to a Healthy Boston.

MICHAEL SCHAFFER, PharmD, MBA, DIRECTOR, HEALTH OUTCOMES, HEALTH PARTNERS OF PHILADELPHIA—At Health Partners of Philadelphia, Dr. Schaffer implements best practices to improve population based health.

He also serves as adjunct faculty at Temple University and USP. Through a Pew charitable trusts award, Schaffer incorporates managed care into the curriculum of medical residents at UPenn. He has served as chair for the RWJ Foundation's Allies Against Asthma initiative overseeing a citywide intervention program, and his work in the pharmacoepidemiology of asthma has been recognized by both Surgeon General David Satcher and EPA head Christine Todd Whitman. He is an active presenter and lecturer on the role of managed care and assists pharmaceutical companies in the development of their pre-market trial strategies.

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Learning Objectives:

After attending this program you will be able to:

1. Describe and define racial and ethnic health disparities in an urban environment, such as Philadelphia.
2. Describe the importance of cultural competency in the care process.

Target Audience: Public health professionals, physicians and health care practitioners.

LOCATION:

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