

African Americans in Clinical Trials

AACT I and II Lecture Series

Heart Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Breast and Prostate Cancer... And NEW DRUG DISCOVERIES

Learn from guest physicians about the disease and newest clinical trials

SPECIAL GUEST Mistress of Ceremony

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.



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2016 Premier of the Durham AACT I, II Lecture Series

What is The CALL TO ACTION?

The Durham CALL TO ACTION Coalition is 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, NPFR PROJECT, networking with over 103 community partners from around the U.S, developed a national Field Research for African Americans to gauge their knowledge and understanding of clinical trials. The collective national coalition, called The AACT (*African Americans in Clinical Trials*), partners with existing local medical groups to engage African American communities in health discussions and bring clinical trials directly to the lay audience providing viable information that could impact their lives. Health advocates, church ministries, physicians, stakeholders and local faith-based ministries partner to address racial disparities in health care and look at actual trials available to them in their community. Each city then forms its own replicable MODEL whose purpose is to provide ongoing education and a better understanding of critical diseases and how participation in clinical research trials impact their health right now, and in the future. Lecture Series Cities include Dallas, Ft Worth, Austin, Nashville, Tampa, Miami, Atlanta, Houston, Louisville, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, St. Louis, Charleston, D.C., Oakland, New Orleans, Richmond, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Philadelphia, Southaven (MS), Cleveland and, **tonight Durham.**

AACT I Lecture Series- The Disease

Kevin Thomas, M.D.- *Heart Disease in African Americans*



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.

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.

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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*

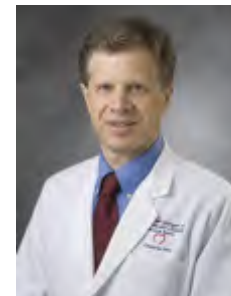


Dr. Darkes is a native of Atlantic City, NJ and is a second-generation graduate of Rutgers University. He earned degrees from Rutgers College in 1978 and Rutgers Medical School in 1982. Dr. Darkes practiced internal medicine in Camden, NJ before moving to North Carolina in 1989 to join Kaiser Permanente. 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.

Some of 50 Hoops' National MEDICAL PARTNERS:

National Partners are key to 50 Hoops' success. Over the years, 50 Hoops has partnered with some of the most prestigious Hospitals, Medical Centers and University Hospitals in the US, including M.D. Anderson (Houston), Fox Chase Cancer Center (Philadelphia), Karmanos Cancer Center (Detroit), Siteman Center for Advanced Medicine (St. Louis), University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas), Texas Harris, Baylor Hospital (Ft Worth), Parkland Memorial Hospital (Dallas), Houston Methodist, National Human Genome Center at Howard University (DC), University of Texas Medical Center (Houston), Morehouse College of Medicine (Atlanta), Institute of Human Genetics at Chicago, Chicago State University, College of Health Sciences, The West Clinic (Tampa), Cleveland Clinic, University of South Florida, Moffitt Cancer and Research Center (Tampa), Sutter Health (Oakland), Austin Cancer Centers, US Oncology, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (Louisville), and Duke Cancer Institute.