



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pfizer and BioNTech announced our COVID-19 investigational vaccine will begin enrollment for Phase 2/3 of our clinical trial, which may involve up to 30,000 participants. You can read the announcement here: [Pfizer and BioNTech Commence Pivotal Phase 2/3 Global Study.](#)

As discussed during our meeting on July 17th, we are committed to increasing racial and ethnic diversity in our COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. Underrepresentation in clinical studies and the lack of representative data makes it more difficult for regulators and physicians to understand the extent to which a medicine can impact subsets of the population at large. Breakthroughs in medicine that may be life-changing for underrepresented patients will not be possible without enrolling people from those communities in our clinical trials. For more information, click [here](#).

OathMD, an advertising and marketing firm working exclusively with physicians who own their own practice, is offering the following services free for NHMA members: create advertisement material (digital, video, etc.) and market your practices on Facebook, Google, and other digital and traditional channels, and develop a website and app for your members. If interested, please fill out this quick [survey](#).

The screenshot shows the RMG Renaissance Medical Group website. At the top, there are two columns of values: 'care, love, compassion, kindness, family' on the left and 'culture, respect, dignity, community, blessing' on the right. Below this, a box states 'Largest Private Hispanic Adult Health Center in the Northeast'. The 'GROUP THERAPY RMG BEHAVIORAL HEALTH' section lists services: PARENTING, ANGER MANAGEMENT, ANXIETY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, and CONFLICT MEDIATION. The 'ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER' section lists services: ROUTINE MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE, SKILLED NURSING, PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, HEALTHY NUTRITIOUS MEALS, and EDUCATIONAL CLASSES. The 'GROUP ADULT FOSTER CARE' section lists services: PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, MEAL PREPARATION, BATHING & TOILETING, SHOPPING & ERRANDS, LAUNDRY, NURSE MONITORING, MEDICATION REMINDERS, TRANSPORTATION, and REST HOMES & SUBSIDIZED LIVING. The 'PRIMARY CARE' section states: 'Our primary care physicians treat the whole person, not just the diagnosis.' It lists: TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS, TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM APPOINTMENTS TO ELIGIBLE PATIENTS, and ACCESS TO ALL RMG PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. The 'HOME CARE' section lists services: PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE, SKILLED NURSING, BATHING & TOILETING, WOUND CARE, WELLNESS, and RESPITE CARE. It also lists: INCREASED INDEPENDENCE, IMPROVED DISEASE MANAGEMENT, and REDUCED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COSTS. The 'ADVANCED THERAPY WITH RMG CLINICAL TRIALS' section is also visible.



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Moderna and NIH launched enrollment in Moderna's investigational vaccine - mRNA-1273. Other clinical trials are also about to start and NHMA urges our networks to enroll your patients in the trials to increase diversity and knowledge about COVID-19 future treatments and vaccines.

- **Where People Can Volunteer for Vaccine Clinical Trial:** <https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org/>

We need about 30,000 individuals for this trial alone, so sharing the link far and wide would be highly valued. Minority and elderly volunteers are particularly needed.

- **Convalescent Plasma Donation:** For those who have fully recovered from COVID-19, FDA has a webpage dedicated to COVID-19 plasma donation: <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/donate-covid-19-plasma>. It has:
 - information for the public
 - links to donation sites
 - links to information on what **FDA is doing** around the study of convalescent plasma.

Are you a healthcare worker who completed your training in another country?

[New American Economy](#) is looking for stories to help raise public awareness about legislation that would make it easier for foreign-trained healthcare professionals to get licensed and work in their desired fields.

Last May, California Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard introduced the [PATH Act](#), which will help foreign-trained healthcare professionals find jobs in the United States that reflect their education, skills, and expertise. The legislation includes initiatives to provide counseling and training opportunities, and to educate employers on international credentials and training.

The bipartisan immigration-reform nonprofit New American Economy is working to raise awareness of the need for the PATH Act. They're collecting stories nationwide, but they're especially seeking people in Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania who want to share their views:

- Was it hard to get back into your field once you arrived in the United States?
- Did you switch careers completely or work less than you'd like?
- What would you like Congress to know about your experience that could help others?

Please email Ben Whitford at Ben@newamericaneconomy.org. *All messages will be treated as confidential.*

Health Equity Research Training Fellowship at Weill Cornell

Weill Cornell Medicine Health Equity Research Training

Open to Under-represented in Medicine Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Family Medicine physicians
A program of the **General Internal Medicine/Hospital Scholars Research Fellowship**

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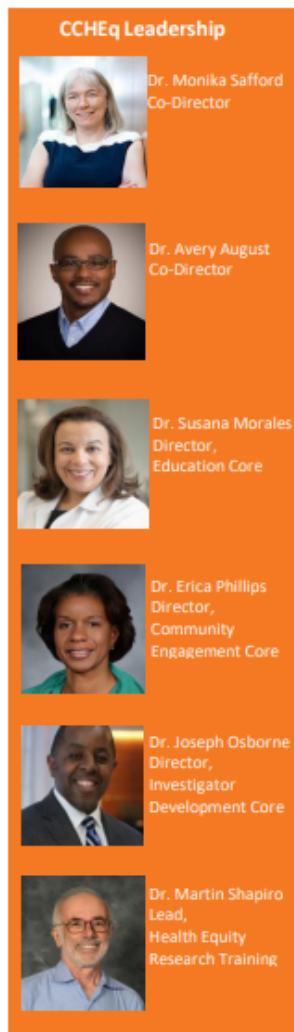
The mission of the Health Equity Research Training program of the General Internal Medicine/Hospital Scholars Research Fellowship is to train underrepresented minority physicians through a two-year research program led by [Dr. Martin Shapiro](#). This includes a mentored research training experience coupled with a weekly fellows' seminar. Fellows complete a rigorous curriculum in clinical epidemiology and health services research and will obtain a Masters in Sciences degree from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Fellows in other tracks of the fellowship may pursue hospital medicine and global health interests, among other areas.

Collaborative Partners and Resources

The Health Equity Research Training program is supported by the **Diversity Center of Excellence (COE)**, funded by the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) of the Health and Human Services (HHS). The ultimate goal of the COE program is to strengthen our national capacity to produce a quality healthcare workforce whose diversity is representative of the U.S. population.

Cornell Center for Health Equity

The Cornell Center for Health Equity (CCHEq), a university-wide initiative, responds directly to community priorities by focusing on practical, relevant research and education topics to address health disparities and promote health equity. It is led by [Dr. Monika Safford](#) and [Dr. Avery August](#). On the Weill Cornell campus, Dr. Susana Morales leads the COE, part of the Education Core; Dr. Erica Phillips leads the Community Engagement Core; and Dr. Joseph Osborne leads the Investigator Development Core.



Apply to the Health Equity Research Training program:

Candidates must possess an MD degree, must have completed their residency in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, or Pediatrics at the time of the start of the fellowship, must be an under-represented minority (African American, Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or American Indian/Alaska Native), and must be committed to pursuing a research career. Women are encouraged to apply.

Application Requirements

1. Personal Statement outlining your research interest, experience in or commitment to research in health equity, and career objectives
2. Curriculum Vitae

Application Deadline

The deadline is rolling, however early applications are strongly encouraged. [Apply Here.](#)
bit.ly/HEfellowship20

centerforhealthequity.cornell.edu



Dr. Christopher Gonzalez
Inaugural Health Equity Fellow

Free E-Learning Program on Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals

The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced a new, free and accredited e-learning program: Improving Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals. The program, available via OMH's Think Cultural Health website, is designed to develop behavioral health providers' knowledge and skills related to culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS).

This online program is a practical tool for behavioral health professionals who want to gain skills and knowledge about culture and diversity, which could be applied daily to better serve your clients. The tool is particularly timely for professionals working to address the opioid epidemic among racial and ethnic populations, which have low treatment rates and some of the highest rates of opioid misuse and overdose.

OMH encourages all certified counselors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers to take this program and earn up to five continuing education credits at no cost.

The program's 4 courses cover:

- Connections between culture and behavioral health
- The impact of cultural identity on interactions with clients
- Ways to engage, assess and treat clients from diverse backgrounds

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the program.

SOAR en línea



There is now a training resource available to the National Hispanic Medical Association network. The HHS SOAR training program is administered by the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), in partnership with the Office on Women's Health (OWH), through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. Access the CME/CM training course, visit <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-to-health-and-wellness-training/soar-online>.
