WELCOME

It is my honor to welcome you to joining the many scholars at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in our quest to disseminate knowledge to address health disparities, strengthen community health, promote health policy research and advance health equity through the journal Ethnicity & Disease. MSM was founded more than 40 years ago to address the physician shortage in Georgia, promote primary care through programs in education, research, and service. Our focus is to actualize approaches that support the elimination of health disparities and ultimately improve the lives and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. We appreciate the longstanding support of the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

We understand that to achieve our mission and realize our vision of Leading the Creation and Advancement of Health Equity, we must connect with many other institutions/organizations/agencies/businesses who share our vision. The Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research (TCC) is an outstanding example of MSM’s commitment to excellence in establishing collaborative research partnerships aimed at exploring critical policy issues and addressing health disparities.

Addressing policy dilemmas impacting our most vulnerable communities requires us to harness the expertise and insights of researchers, health professionals, community advocates, policy stakeholders, and many other entities. Together, we can generate the knowledge required to inform the conditions necessary for all people to actualize their optimal health potential.

At MSM, we believe in the core values of knowledge, wisdom, excellence, service, innovation, and integrity. By personifying these core values, we as leaders can achieve the insurmountable, with these values symbolizing a resolve for ensuring that everyone can achieve his or her optimal level of health.

We look forward to partnering with you as we continue to pave the way toward a healthier and more equitable future.

Sincerely,

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