

**Back to the Basics: Keeping our Community Healthy and Safe  
Presented by The Community Health and Preventive Medicine  
Section**

**National Medical Association**

**July 25-29, 2026**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico**

**Rosalyn Payne Epps Symposium**

**Monday, July 27, 2026 -Day 1**

**Focus on Prevention**

**8:45 AM – 11:00 AM** Pain Management in Practice: Key Principles for Primary Care Providers. NMA Joint Session

Learning Objectives:

- Define key concepts, mechanisms, and classifications of pain to enhance clinical understanding.
- Assess pain effectively while identifying risk factors for nonmedical use of opioids, substance/opioid use disorders.
- Evaluate evidence-based nonpharmacologic and non-opioid approaches to pain management.
- Review the role of opioids in pain management, including indications, limitations, and considerations for safe use.
- Safely initiate, adjust, and discontinue opioid therapy in patients with acute or chronic pain.
- Counsel patients on the safe use, storage, and disposal of opioid analgesics, including overdose reversal agents.
- Create personalized pain management plans integrating both opioid and non-opioid therapies.

- Diagnose and manage opioid use disorder, using evidence-based approaches, including referrals to specialists when needed.

Reconvene for Community Health and Preventive Medicine Section  
**Sheraton San Felipe Room 202A**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Endocrine Disruptors  
Dr. Jewel Crawford

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Immunization Updates  
Dr. Zanthia Wiley

3:00 PM-3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM **CHEF Fellows Presentations**

Moderators - Dr. Venise Curry and Dr. Sheneeta Johnson

Dr. Michelle Kiran - Presentation Title TBA

Dr. Sylvanus Teboh - Presentation Title TBA

Dr. Elisa Quince – Presentation Title TBA

4:45 PM - 5:30 PM CHPM Section Meeting

**Vernal G. Cave Symposium**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2026 -Day 2:**  
**Impactful Policies**  
**Sheraton San Felipe Room 202A**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Community Advocacy for Medical Coverage in Uncertain Times

Grady Health System - Dr. Yolanda Wimberly, Dr. Monica Brands, Princess Barge and Laurne Wright

10:00 AM-11:00 AM HIV and PrEP - AIDS Health Care Foundation – Dr. Stacy Green

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Global Health: Catastrophic Disaster Preparedness - Council on International Affairs

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM – Impact of Mass Deportation  
Dr. Alfred Glover

3:30 PM- 3:45 PM Break

3:45 PM -5:30 PM Policing the Pipeline: Different Standards in Residency Discipline  
Dr. Vanessa Grubbs

**Wednesday July 29- Day 3**

8:00 AM-Noon

**Sheraton San Felipe Room 202A**

**The David Satcher Health Leadership Institute and Global Health Equity  
Institute Symposium:**

***Strengthening the Current Healthcare Workforce and Elevating Future  
Health Professionals via DEI-Centered Pathways***

**Session Learning Objectives:**

1. Identify current challenges in the healthcare workforce related to representation, retention, and equitable advancement.
2. Describe how Historically Black/Minority-Serving institutions, community-based organizations, and cross-sector partnerships can increase exposure, support, and opportunities for learners at different educational stages.
3. Propose actionable improvements to recruitment, training, mentorship, and professional development models.

4. Discuss and formulate strategies and policy recommendations for pathway programs that actively support diverse learners and promote equitable advancement opportunities.

**ABSTRACT**

The pursuit of health equity remains a highly significant challenge in healthcare today. Accomplishing this challenge requires a comprehensive understanding of the myriads of factors shaping individual and population health outcomes. A key aspect of this work involves the development of leadership skills among medical, public health, and professional learners. To be a leading transformative force for health equity, Historically Black/Minority-Serving institutions of higher learning, as well as community-based medical organizations and partnerships, are key in supporting existing providers and cultivating future professionals who are well-versed in health equity and the dynamics of diverse communities. Focusing on health equity requires different frames of thought about the role of healthcare education and leadership development. It requires different thinking about students, residents, and professional training; pursuing scientific discoveries; treating patients; and engaging with diverse communities. Important considerations for strengthening the healthcare workforce include training the next generation of healthcare and public health professionals to effectively provide care and advocate within the healthcare landscape; collaboratively developing and promoting meaningful policy and structural changes; and harnessing the leadership potential of learners and providers discoveries through leadership development.

**AGENDA**

**Breakfast** .....7:30 am-8:00 am

**Welcome and Session Introduction**.....8:00 am-8:10 am

**Community Health and Preventive Medicine Section Overview**.....8:10 am-8:15 am

**Opening Remarks** .....8:15 am-8:20 am

**A Tribute to Dr. Satcher’s Legacy**.....8:50 am-8:55 am

**Special Video Presentation**.....8:55 am-9:00 am

**Panel Introduction**.....9:00 am-9:10 am

*Strengthening the Current Healthcare Workforce and Elevating Future Health Professionals via DEI-Centered Pathways –*  
**Moderator:**

Panel Satcher Health Leadership Institute



Discussion.....9:10 am-9:50 am

Moderated Q&A.....9:50 am-10:30 am

Roundtable Discussion Introduction.....9:50 am-10:30 am

**Roundtable Discussion  
10:30 am-11:20 am**

**Roundtable #1:** *What are three (3) ways that academic institutions, healthcare systems, and communities may collaborate more meaningfully to build DEI-centered pathways?*

**Roundtable #2:** *What current workforce gaps do you believe pose the greatest threat to equitable healthcare delivery? What are potential solutions/recommendations/policies that will address and close these gaps?*

**Roundtable #3:** *How can we create a culture where DEI is not seen as an “initiative” but as core to organizational excellence?*

Roundtable Reporting..... 11:20 am-11:50 pm

Closing Remarks.....11:50 am-12:00 pm