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U of M, UAB to host innovative new center dedicated to African American men’s health care and research
$13.5 million grant creates the National Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for African American Men’s Health

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (August 1, 2013) – A $13.5 million grant will create new center at the University of Minnesota, designed to address health disparities in conditions impacting African American men. The center is a joint academic venture between the University of Minnesota and the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

The grant was awarded by the National Institutes for Health’s National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and will fund the center over 5 years. Selwyn Vickers, M.D., F.A.C.S., chairman of the Department of Surgery, and Badrinath Konety, M.D., M.B.A., chairman of the Department of Urology, will lead the project at the University of Minnesota.

The National Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for African American Men’s Health will be dedicated to developing, implementing and evaluating interventions to improve the health of African American men. The program will target disparities in unintentional and violence-related injuries as well as chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, cancer and stroke.

Several national collaborators have signed on to this project: The National USA Foundation, Inc. (NUFI), 100 Black Men of America, Inc. (The 100) and the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League.

The center will have physical locations on the campuses of both University of Minnesota and University of Alabama-Birmingham, with research and translational interventions taking place in both locations.

The National Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for African American Men’s Health is made possible through NIH grant U54MD008620.

WELCOME

The Division of Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery welcomes Michele Loor, MD, FACS as an Assistant Professor of Surgery. She comes to us from the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Loor received her M.D. from Northwestern University Medical School and completed her general surgery residency at Rush University. During her residency she pursued a Burn Research Fellowship at Summer L. Koch Burn Center. Following residency, Dr. Loor completed a Surgical Critical Care and Burn Fellowship at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Dr. Loor's interests include critical care, burn, and abdominal wall reconstruction.

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