Online Blum Center Programs: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Series

All programs are free and open to MGH staff, patients, and the general public. To attend a specific program, click on the link provided for each one.

This series is in recognition of National Minority Health Month.

The Road to Racial Equity in Kidney Transplant
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Link to attend: https://partners.zoom.us/j/83492381982
Join Winfred Williams, MD, and Jamil Sulemana, RN, BSN, to learn about kidney disease in the black community. They will also discuss the differences between dialysis and kidney transplant, and when one should consider kidney transplantation. Lastly, they will share strategies for success, including preparing for your transplant evaluation, finding a living donor, and taking care of yourself on the waitlist.

Featured Speaker: Winfred Williams, MD
Associate Chief of MGH Division of Nephrology
Founding Director of MGH Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School

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Featured Speaker: Jamil Sulemana, RN, BSN
Transplant Nurse Coordinator with MGH Kidney Transplant Program
Cancer Equity Efforts at the Mass General Cancer Center
Friday, April 9, 2021
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Link to attend: https://partners.zoom.us/j/88910178503
Join Beverly Moy, MD, MPH, Brenda Lormil, NP, and Evelyn Abayaah, to learn about the ongoing efforts to improve the quality of cancer care among underserved populations of cancer patients.

Featured Speaker: Beverly Moy, MD, MPH
Director of Cancer Equity
Clinical Director of the Breast Oncology Program
Medical Oncologist at Massachusetts General Hospital
Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School

Featured Speaker: Brenda Lormil, NP
Health Equity Nurse Practitioner
Founder of the Haitian American Medical Association

Featured Speaker: Evelyn Abayaah
Program Director of International Programs and Advisory Services
Member of the Mass General Cancer Center Cancer Equity Council
Partnering with Our Communities to Build Trust and Provide Education on the COVID-19 Vaccine
Monday, April 26, 2021 - newly added!
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Link to attend: https://partners.zoom.us/j/81451973273
Join us for a conversation on how we, as community messengers, have built a trusted relationship with our underrepresented minority communities. We will discuss barriers on getting the COVID-19 vaccine among our communities. We will also share our outreach efforts and how we have developed culturally tailored approaches to help increase COVID-19 vaccine awareness among our communities.

**Featured Speaker: Marie Borgella, RN**
Nurse Director of Patient Care Units, General Medicine

**Featured Speaker: Efrén J. Flores, MD**
Assistant Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School
Officer for Radiology Community Health & Equity
Radiologist in Thoracic and Emergency Divisions
Faculty Member of The Mongan Institute

**Featured Speaker: Angie V. Sánchez, MD**
Assistant Director of MGH CARE Research Center
Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School
What We Learned from COVID-19 About Making Healthcare Systems More Equitable

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Link to attend: [https://partners.zoom.us/j/81475090271](https://partners.zoom.us/j/81475090271)

What is the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and how have MGH responses aimed at improving health equity? Join Aswita Tan-McGrory, MBA, MSPH, to learn about the many lessons of how the mistrust of the healthcare system among communities of color affected organizations’ ability to mitigate COVID-19, as well as how they have engaged these communities in the distribution of vaccines. In addition, she will discuss the importance of race, ethnicity, and language data collection in managing COVID-19 and addressing disparities, and successful strategies for collaborating with communities.

**Featured Speaker: Aswita Tan-McGrory, MBA, MSPH**
Director of The Disparities Solutions Center
Administrative Director of the Mongan Institute
Adjunct Faculty at Northeastern University
Talking to Your Child About Differences and Discrimination
Thursday, April 29, 2021
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Link to attend: https://partners.zoom.us/j/87616255693
How do you talk to children about differences in the world? How do you support children who are victims of racism and discrimination? Aisha James, MD, MS, Gracia Kwete, MD, and Carlos Torres, MD, pediatricians and associate directors of Diversity and Equity at MGHfC, share tips on how to bring up these challenging topics to children and become allies in the work of creating an anti-racist society.

**Featured Speaker: Aisha James, MD, MS**
Associate Director of Diversity and Equity at MGHfC
Pediatrician and Internist at MGH Everett Family Care
Provider in Pediatric Hospital Medicine at MGHfC

**Featured Speaker: Gracia Kwete, MD**
Associate Director of Diversity and Equity at MGHfC
Pediatrician at MGH Revere HealthCare Center

**Featured Speaker: Carlos Torres, MD**
Associate Director of Diversity and Equity at MGHfC
Pediatrician at MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center

This series is a special collaboration between the Maxwell & Eleanor Blum Patient and Family Learning Center, MGH Transplant Center, Mass General Cancer Center, MGH Equity and Community Health, The Disparities Solutions Center, and MassGeneral Hospital for Children.