8th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner

April 28 Ritz Carlton Hotel Washington, DC
THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION commends the NATIONAL MINORITY QUALITY FORUM for its leadership and shares their dedication and continued efforts to eliminating health care disparities among minority populations.

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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

Our Annual Leadership Awards Dinner brings to a close the Spring Health Braintrust and Sixth Annual Health Disparities Summit. We are very pleased that you can join us as we acknowledge and celebrate outstanding achievements among a select group of individuals who have contributed to improving the health of all Americans. Thank you for your support and participation.

Over the past two days we learned that more must be accomplished to reduce the health disparities seen across the country. We learned that cardiovascular and kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and other diseases disproportionately impact minority communities. And we learned that there exist new tools that can map disease prevalence, isolate disease disparities, and target communities in need. Finally, we learned that providing equitable health care is no easy task. However, working collectively we can make a difference in reducing the health-care disparity gap.

Tonight we pay special homage to a distinguished group of individuals who have made important contributions to reducing disease disparities. While each has taken a different pathway, they share a common bond of seeking solutions, finding answers, and implementing ideas and plans. We offer our gratitude this evening for their diligence and efforts by recognizing their accomplishments, which are an inspiration to us all.

We thank our partners, our sponsors, and all of you for your continued support and commitment. Your efforts have helped to make the summit and the awards dinner a success.

Enjoy your evening with us.

Yours truly,

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Charles Richard Drew Award
Clyde Yancy, MD

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Larry Lucas

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The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

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AND CLOSING REMARKS
Gary Puckrein, PhD
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APRIL IS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH!

The National Minority Quality Forum (formerly the National Minority Health Month Foundation) was instrumental in launching National Minority Health Month, supported by a resolution from the U.S. Congress, and recognized by many states.

The Concurrent Resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) signed by the U.S. Congress on October 3, 2002 states that “a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other health disparity populations” and that “the President should issue a proclamation recognizing the immediate need to reduce health disparities in the United States and encouraging all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities.”

“Many Americans are not aware that there is a minority health month,” says National Minority Quality Forum President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Puckrein, PhD. “We have a shared responsibility to bring national attention to this issue that impacts so many citizens. A national, annually recognized month will help raise awareness and prompt initiatives to bridge the health gap.”
Joseph M. Heyman, MD, an obstetrician-gynecologist with a private practice in Amesbury, Mass., has been a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2002. He served as its secretary (2005–2006) and was chair of the finance committee. In June 2008 he began serving as chair of the AMA-BOT for 2008–2009. Dr. Heyman has been involved in organized medicine since joining the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) in 1973. He joined the AMA in 1980 and has been a member of the Massachusetts delegation to the AMA since 1987. He was a member of the AMA Council on Medical Service, serving on its executive committee (1997–2000) and as its chair (2000–2001). During his tenure on the council, Dr. Heyman helped develop AMA policy on health insurance reform, pharmaceutical industry spending in the United States and hospital mergers. Dr. Heyman serves on the board of commissioners of the Joint Commission, the board of directors of Joint Commission Resources and the steering committee of the Markle Foundation’s Connecting for Health. He has served as president of the Essex North District Medical Society and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Practicing Advisory Council. He has served MMS as president, vice president, trustee and speaker of its House of Delegates.
MICHIKO KAKU, PhD

Dr. Kaku is an internationally recognized authority in two areas. The first is Einstein’s unified field theory, which Dr. Kaku is attempting to complete. The other is to predict trends affecting business, commerce, and finance based on the latest research in science. He is one of the most widely recognized figures in science in the world. Dr. Kaku graduated from Harvard University in 1968. He received his PhD in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1972, and been a professor at CUNY for almost 30 years. His goal is the complete Einstein’s dream of a “theory of everything,” to derive an equation, perhaps no more than one inch long, which will summarize all the physical laws of the universe. He is the co-founder of string theory, a major branch of string theory, which is the leading candidate today for the theory of everything. He is the author of several international best-sellers, *Hyperspace* and *Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century*. His book *Parallel Worlds*, about the latest in cosmology, was a finalist for the prestigious Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction in the UK, and also a finalist for the Aventist science book award. In January 2009, he signed a contract with the Science Channel to host a 12 part science series based on his best-seller, *Physics of the Impossible*. 
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ANTHONY S. FAUCI, MD

Severo Ochoa Award

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Fauci received his MD degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1966. He then completed an internship and residency at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. In 1968, Dr. Fauci came to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a clinical associate in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation (LCI) at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). In 1980, he was appointed Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, a position he still holds. In 1984, Dr. Fauci became Director of NIAID. Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated and infectious diseases. A 1985 Stanford University Arthritis Center Survey of the American Rheumatism Association membership ranked the work of Dr. Fauci on the treatment of polyarteritis nodosa and Wegener’s granulomatosis as one of the most important advances in patient management in rheumatology over the previous 20 years. Dr. Fauci is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Institute of Medicine (Council Member), the American Philosophical Society, and the Royal Danish Academy of Science and Letters, as well as a number of other professional societies.
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CHARLES RICHARD DREW AWARD

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CLYDE W. YANCY, MD, FACC, FAHA, MACP

Charles Richard Drew Award

Dr. Yancy is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine. He received his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology and subsequently accepted a faculty appointment at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, where he ascended to full Professor of Medicine, and became an Associate Dean. He now holds the current positions within the Baylor Health Care System. Dr. Yancy’s professional interests include hypertension, heart failure/heart transplantation, racial disparities in cardiovascular disease and quality of care. Dr. Yancy has contributed to greater than 200 publications in the medical literature. He holds multiple editorial positions, including The American Journal of Cardiology, The American Heart Journal, and Circulation. His honors include the Marquis Who’s Who in America, 2008; Cardiologists-In-Training Hero Award, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc, 2006.; Outstanding Teacher 2005-2006, UT Southwestern; and Texas Super Doctors 2005 thru 2008. In 2003, he was named “AHA (national) Physician of the Year.” Dr. Yancy is a consultant for the FDA, NIH and ABC News; and holds membership in the Heart Failure Society of America, American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and other professional associations. For 2009-2010, he is President-Elect of the national American Heart Association.
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LARRY LUCAS

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Award

Larry Lucas serves as Vice President, Government Affairs/Diversity Programs, for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), where he works with the U.S. Congress and state legislators on issues impacting patients’ access to medicines, access to quality health care and the research-based pharmaceutical industry. At PhRMA, Lucas leads the association’s efforts to work with patients, healthcare providers, physicians, legislators and health organizations and educate them on the issues impacting the minority community and their access to quality health care. Lucas also writes a nationally syndicated monthly column about new developments in the pharmaceutical industry. Lucas is on the Board of Trustees for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and also is actively involved in their contribution fund and health committee. Lucas serves as the Corporate Advisory Council to the National Hispanic Medical Foundation, on the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and was recently appointed to the Africa Diaspora North Initiative Strategic Planning Committee Board. Lucas received his B.S. degree in Education from Jackson State University in Mississippi and served in the United States Air Force.
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THE HONORABLE SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM

Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Deputy Majority Whip and Chair, Subcommittee on Minority Health Disparities, was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1994, re-elected for 4 consecutive terms, and is serving her 15th year. She is the first Caribbean-born elected to the Maryland General Assembly. A Registered Nurse by profession, she holds an Associates degree, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Administrative Science from Johns Hopkins University. She is also a business owner, President and CEO of two health care companies. Delegate Nathan-Pulliam received the 2008 Legislator of the Year Award by the Mental Health Association of Maryland; 2007 Circle of Excellence Maryland’s Top 100 Women by the Daily Record, 2005 and 2002; APHA Distinguish Health Legislator of the Year 2005, and numerous other awards. Delegate Nathan-Pulliam is a leading advocate for improved health care and reduced health care disparities. She sponsored legislation creating the Healthcare Disparities Prevention Act and establishing the Office of Minority Health and Health Care Disparities in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her extraordinary legislative accomplishments include funding for breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, oral cancer mortality reduction programs and treatment programs for co-occurring disorders- substance abuse and mental illness.
It's a fact. There are inequalities in America’s health care system. Disparities exist in access, quality, and outcomes, according to an important report by the Institute of Medicine (IOM).

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- **ESTABLISH** patient-centered medical homes to prevent chronic illness, coordinate and manage care and improve the delivery of advanced health care to remote tribal and rural communities.

- **IMPROVE** linguistic and cultural competencies among health care professionals which will lead to increased patient satisfaction, better health outcomes, and greater access to preventive care.

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