



## BRIDGING HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS COMMUNITIES

This year's theme for Minority Health Month is "[Bridging Health Equity Across Communities.](#)"

Throughout the month of April, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) will work with their partners to raise awareness about important health equity efforts underway across multiple sectors, including health care, housing, education, transportation and employment. The goal is to inform stakeholders about what is being done to address the social and structural factors that give rise to health disparities. Throughout Minority Health Month 2017, HPRC will be collaborating with the HHS Mid-Atlantic Health Equity Council (RHEC III) and other federal partners to promote the important work that the HPRC team and other regional partners are doing to eliminate health disparities.

This year, HPRC will support Minority Health Month by launching *Conversations on Health Equity*, an online public policy video series exploring today's public debate over how to best close the nation's health gap.

Prominent guests include:

- **Eliseo Perez-Stable, M.D.**, Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- **Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management GWU Milken Institute of Public Health
- **Vivian Pinn, MD**, Founding Director (Retired), Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH
- **Leana S. Wen, M.D., M.Sc.**, Health Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department
- **Elmer Huerta, MD**, Founder and President, Prevención, Inc.; Past-President, American Cancer Society
- **Willarda Edwards, M.D., M.B.A.**, Medical Officer, Health Policy Research Consortium (HPRC); Past-President, National Medical Association



Throughout April, HPRC will also disseminate information and updates about other hidden gems in the HPRC portfolio, including:

- a mobile app that promotes health living and civic engagement
- a new Baltimore-based study that explores ways to teach community members and other stakeholders about health policy and the social determinants of health
- a new Prince Georges County study that investigates the food, built, and social (FBS) environment and its impact on cardiovascular disease
- and...the full 9-month guest schedule for *Conversations on Health Equity*.