# Spring 2024 Health Summit & Expo

**ELEVATING HEALTH & WELLNESS IN THE CHOCOLATE CITY** BLACK HEALTH MATTERS.COM® Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:30AM - 3:30PM EST KELLOGG CONFERENCE HOTEL at Gallaudet University 800 Florida Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20002

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# WELCOME TO BLACK HEALTH MATTERS SPRING 2024 HEALTH SUMMIT & EXPO

Thank you for joining Black Health Matters (BHM) for our first ever Health Summit & Expo in the Chocolate City!!! BHM is committed to raising awareness of chronic diseases that plague our community. We want you to know, and understand, the risk factors and treatment options so you can feel empowered on your health journey. BHM does this by bringing educational programs like the Spring 2024 Health Summit & Expo directly to you because, the truth is, information is power!

The United States has the most advanced medical technology in the world, and spends more on health care than any other country, yet the health outcomes of Black Americans are by several measures on par with those of people living in far poorer nations. The good news is that we have the Affordable Care Act which provides an institutional path that gives us access to better care and puts us more in charge of our own health. We are now entitled to preventive services such as mammograms, pap tests and more. If we get sick, we'll no longer need to worry about our policies being cancelled – it is our right to be covered.

You are here today because you are inspired. You are taking steps that will separate you from so many who are being defeated by the healthcare system in the United States. When you break it down, it comes down to three things. One, is the clarity of your vision that you desire, and deserve, to be healthy. Two, is the courage of your conviction to seek the best care possible. Three, is the ability to effectively work toward these goals.

Taking care of ourselves, over a lifetime, requires that we adopt a holistic approach with healthy eating habits and preventative care. Starting early can ensure a healthier life, and it's never too late to start!

Use the BHM Summits & Expos to help celebrate your journey to wellness. Dance and dine with us, speak with healthcare professionals and health navigators, listen to informative presentations, and be screened for the chronic conditions that impact us most.

You've made a commitment to living your best life. Continue to be the change that you want to see, because #blackhealthmatters.

In purpose and power,

Roslyn, Leslie, Dedra & Linette



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## **AGENDA & EVENT PROGRAM**

Black Health Matters is a leading communications company that provides inclusive health and wellness information that is rooted in medical expertise to the Black community. How do we do it? We partner and collaborate directly with top physicians, community advocates and health companies to host free virtual events and share articles to help raise awareness on risk factors and chronic diseases that disproportionately impact Black Americans. Our ultimate goal is to help Black Americans cut through the confusion and feel empowered on their health journey.

Now more than ever, it's important to bring topics of Black healthcare, that have been historically disregarded, to the forefront. That's why we're so excited to invite you to our Spring 2024 Health Summit & Expo (it's in person and streamed live!) with the aim of helping you take better care of yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

### **SUMMIT OBJECTIVES**

- Feature informative yet dynamic presentations and conversations on relevant health conditions and diseases, with world class healthcare professionals that focus specifically on the medical disparities that affect Black Americans.
- Provide a safe space for medically-underserved individuals to voice their opinions, concerns, experiences and act as a catalyst for radical change within health focused spaces.
- Empower patients, advocates and caregivers by providing them with the most up-to-date information on various chronic conditions including treatment options and clinical trials so they will better understand how to identify risk factors that directly impact them and their community.
- Amplify the reach of this rich educational information by providing access to the content (videos, articles, etc.) on all platforms post-Summit.



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8:30AM -8:50AM



### Doors Open / Check-In & Breakfast Distribution

8:50AM -

9:15AM



Greetings and overview of the day with Founder & CEO Roslyn Young-Daniels.



Roslyn Young-Daniels

9:15AM -9:45AM

# Session #1: Living Life Beyond Dialysis: What You Should Know About Living Donor Kidney Transplants

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A kidney transplant can improve the quality and length of life for people with kidney failure. Learn how to advocate for yourself by attending our session with a husband and wife who will testify about the experience.



Kemi Osundina



Alana H.



Reggie C.

9:50 AM-10:20AM

### Session #2: From Awareness to Action: The Power of Advocacy in Health Equity

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Advancing health policy is the rising tide that lifts all boats. Let's help our elected representatives help us.



Congressman Glenn Ivey



Jennifer L. Ellis, MD, MBA



Sherell McDearmon, MPA

10:25AM -10:55AM

### Session #3: IN LIVING COLOR: Building Trust Through Representation in Medical Illustrations

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Innovation in medicine requires thinking differently to reimagine the entire research, development and delivery process. This discussion will speak to J&J's Race to Health Equity as an initiative to help empower patients and caregivers.



JaBaris D. Swain, MD, MPH



Shelina Ramnarine, Ph.D

11:00 AM -11:30AM

### Session #4 / Untold Stories: Life with a Severe Autoimmune Condition

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Myasthenia Gravis (MG) can affect any voluntary muscle, including those controlling eye movements, facial expression, speaking and swallowing, and arms and legs. In more lifethreatening cases, MG can affect muscles responsible for breathing. African American patients are more likely to have eye symptoms of MG, including eye paralysis and eyelid droopiness\*. Experts including a patient ambassadors will discuss this underdiagnosed condition.



Gwen Valencia



Anaya



Rorey

11:35AM -12:05PM



# Session #5 - Understanding Genetic Kidney Disease and Its Impact on the Black Community: Insights Into The Apoll Gene

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Yes, genetics can play a significant role in the development of kidney disease. Let's learn more about the APOL 1 gene and what is on the horizon for patients and caregivers.



Stacy A Johnson, MD, PhD

12:05PM - 12:35PM



### **Lunch Distribution & Raffles**

Performance by the National Hand Dance Association

12:35PM -1:05PM



### Session #6 / Workout with The Guru of Abs

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**DaShaun Johnson** 

1:10PM -1:40PM



### Session #7 / Living With Prurigo Nodularis - Elise's Story

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Prurigo nodularis is a skin condition that causes itchy bumps on your skin. It usually occurs with other skin conditions like eczema or psoriasis, but not always. Join BHM for a discussion on this condition with a patient ambassador.



Margaret Alabi, PharmD



**Nick Taylor** 



**Elise Salters** 

1:45PM -2:15PM



### Session #8: Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Trials

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What has science done for you lately? Breakthroughs for patients of color abound. Be in it to win it and join us for a fascinating discussion on scientific advances and our role in helping them become a reality for ourselves and our families.



Matthew L. Boyd, Pharm.D., MBA

2:20PM - 2:50PM

### Session #9: Taking Control of Our Health: Information That Empowers

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This session will help you recognize and appreciate the unprecedented gift of participation in clinical trials, while enhancing your knowledge of what is possible.



Patrick O. Gee, Ph.D., JLC



**Sandy Powell** 



**Hope Ventricelli** 

2:55PM - 3:25PM



Session #10: Your Mental Health: Setting Boundaries Unapologetically SPONSORED BY MOCHA MOMS, INC.

Join in this engaging conversation regarding your mental health, and being purposeful when it comes to setting boundaries to ensure the best outcomes.



Lisa Loury Lomas, PhD, NBCC, LCPC



Dr. Camille Adams Jones, LMSW, CEAP, PMP



Roslyn Young-Daniels (Moderator)

3:25PM - 3:30PM



Raffles, Leaderboard Winners, Closing Remarks and Thank You's

### **HOSTS**



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