



NACDD and CDC Fireside Chat

Under Pressure: Black Men and the Battle of Hypertension

Bios

Speaker: Keith C. Ferdinand, MD FACC ,FAHA, Professor, Tulane University School Of Medicine



Keith C Ferdinand, MD, is Professor of Medicine at the Tulane University School of Medicine and the Tulane Heart and Vascular Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was previously Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Xavier University, New Orleans and Clinical Professor of Medicine at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Ferdinand received his medical degree from the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, certified in the subspecialty of nuclear cardiology, and a specialist in clinical hypertension certified by the American Society of Hypertension.

Dr. Ferdinand is past Chair of the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and has served as Chief Science Officer and past chair of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC). He has also served as a board member of the American Society of Hypertension, the Southwest Lipid Association, and the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks.

As an investigator, Dr. Ferdinand has conducted numerous trials in the fields of cardiology, cardiovascular disease, lipids and cardiometabolic risk, especially in racial and ethnic minorities. Dr. Ferdinand's participation in research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, the *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*, the *American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs*, *Clinical Lipidology*, and the journal *Cardiorenal Medicine*, and *Hypertension*.

Moderator: Michael L. Sells, MSPH, CHES

Michael L. Sells currently works as a Public Health Advisor on the Advancing Population Health Team in the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. His interests lie in the application of research to practice with a specific emphasis on advocating on behalf those sub-populations who face health inequities. He is also the co-chairman of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's Health Equity Workgroup at CDC. Prior to working in heart disease, he has served in a variety of roles in many divisions within the Chronic Disease Center that include: the Division of Adult

and Community Health, the Division of Adolescent and School Health, the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, and the Division of Diabetes Translation.

He holds a Bachelor's in Psychology, a Master's in Health Education and Health Promotion, he is a Certified Health Education Specialist and he is a Doctoral candidate in Public Health with a concentration on Community Health Promotion and Education. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the following areas: community health; health systems interventions; health equity and health disparities from policy, program and translation perspectives; capacity building; program consulting; health promotion; partnership and program development; translating research to practice; strategic planning; and public health policy.