Strengthening the Process of Informed Consent to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care and Research

Monday, June 28, 2004
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Central Time)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is sponsoring a two-day conference in Tuskegee, Alabama to examine how the process, principals, and application of “informed consent” in research and health care might be strengthened and/or expanded. The goal of this conference is to protect and promote a “culture of trust” between health researchers and research volunteers, between healthcare providers and patients, and between research institutions/healthcare organizations and communities at-large from which prospective research subjects and/or patients originate.

The first phase of this project, comprised of “data gathering” activities has been completed. The second phase of this project involves the convening of an invitational conference whose purpose is as follows:

♦ To engage national leaders across the health care/health research spectrum on these issues.
♦ To highlight current and emerging research and related efforts to illuminate understanding of and solutions to the issues at hand.
♦ To showcase promising practices, models that work and lessons learned.

The HHS is providing, via satellite broadcast, select portions of Monday’s presentation as listed below.

Tentative Agenda:

*Times are approximate

♦ 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
   Stephen Olufemi Sodeke, MSc, PhD
   Interim Director, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Healthcare
   Tuskegee University

   Welcome to Tuskegee
   Benjamin F. Payton, PhD
   President, Tuskegee University

♦ 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
   Draft Report: Strengthening the Informed Consent Process to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care & Research
   Ruth T. Peror, MPA
   Executive Director
   Summit Health Institute for Research and Education (SHIRE)

♦ 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.
   The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment: Remembering the Past, Acknowledging its Impact on the Present, Moving Towards a Better Future
   James H. Jones, PhD
   Social Historian and Author

♦ 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
   The History and Evolution of Informed Consent in Research and Health Care
   Edward F. Gabriele, DMin
   Director, Office of Professional Integrity & Ethics
   Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
   Department of the Navy

♦ 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
   Using Evidence to Improve the Informed Consent Process in Research & Health Care
   Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH, MA
   Harvey M. Meyerhoff, Professor of Bioethics
   Phoebe R. Berman, Bioethics Institute
   Johns Hopkins University

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