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Annual Program

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Leadership and Innovation in Medicine and Scientific Research for the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

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Cobb Scholars Convening

on the NIH *All of Us* Research Program with Baylor College of Medicine

Myeloma Research Scholars Poster Walk

as part of the 2024 Jane Cooke Wright, M.D., Cancer Disparities Symposium

Additional Collaborations

2024 Jane Cooke Wright, M.D., Cancer Disparities Symposium and Poster Walk

Keynote Address

Lisa A. Newman, M.D., M.P.H.

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2024 Project IMPACT 2.0

(Increase Minority Participation and Awareness of Clinical Trials) Symposium

Keynote Address

Etta Pisano, M.D.

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About The Cobb Institute

The W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association (NMA) Health Institute (The Cobb Institute), a 501(c)(3) in Washington, DC, engages in innovative research and knowledge dissemination for the reduction and elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. Founded in 2004, the

Institute honors the legacy of William Montague Cobb M.D., Ph.D., LL.B., a distinguished physician, anthropologist, and professor of medicine and anatomy at the Howard University School of Medicine. In addition to hosting the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, the Institute collaborates with public agencies, private entities, academic medical centers, including the medical schools of the historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and—equally important—communities. The Institute also provides opportunities for early career doctorates to receive intensive mentoring and networking in the areas of research, policy and practice. With funding from governmental agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as substantial in-kind contributions, the Institute continues to cultivate a trusted and proven network of diverse stakeholders committed to solving racial inequities in health.



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Saturday, August 3, 2024

7:30 AM–12:00 PM **17th Annual Walk a Mile with a Child**

Location: Sheraton Hotel, West Ballroom

7:00–8:30 PM **Honoring of Cobb Awardees at NMA Opening & Awards Ceremony**

Location: Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom West

Sunday, August 4, 2024

1:45–3:45 PM **2024 W. Montague Cobb Symposium and Lectureship**

“Then and Now - Navigating Best-in-Class Mentoring Innovation”

Location: Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom West

Livestream: [Facebook.com/BlackDoctor.org/Live](https://facebook.com/BlackDoctor.org/Live) or YouTube.com/BlackDoctorOrg

5:00–7:00 PM **Exhibit Hall Opening and Reception**

Location: Hilton Hotel, Rhinelander - 2nd Floor, America's Halls level 3 & 4

7:00 PM–8:30 PM **Cobb Institute Reception**

Sponsored by the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*,
a Springer Publication (*By Invitation*)



Monday, August 5, 2024

All events for this date are in the same location: Sheraton Hotel, Central Park East Conference Room

7:45–8:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions from Board Chairman of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute (The Cobb Institute)**

8:00 AM–12:00 PM **2024 NMA Project IMPACT 2.0 Symposium on Representation in Clinical Trials**

“Driving Diversity: Collaborative Solutions for Clinical Research Equity”
(A program of the NMA Project IMPACT 2.0, in Collaboration with The Cobb Institute)

1:00–3:00 PM **2024 Cobb Scholars Convening**

“Empowering the Next Generation: Precision Medicine and the NIH *All of Us* Research Program.”
(In collaboration with the All of Us Evenings with Genetics Research Program of the Baylor College of Medicine)

3:30–5:30 PM **2024 Jane Cooke Wright, M.D., Cancer Disparities Symposium and Poster Walk**

“Updated Strategies for Addressing Disparities in Cancer Care and Screening”
(A program of Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health,
the NMA Oncology Section, NMA Internal Medicine Section,
International Myeloma Foundation, and The Cobb Institute)



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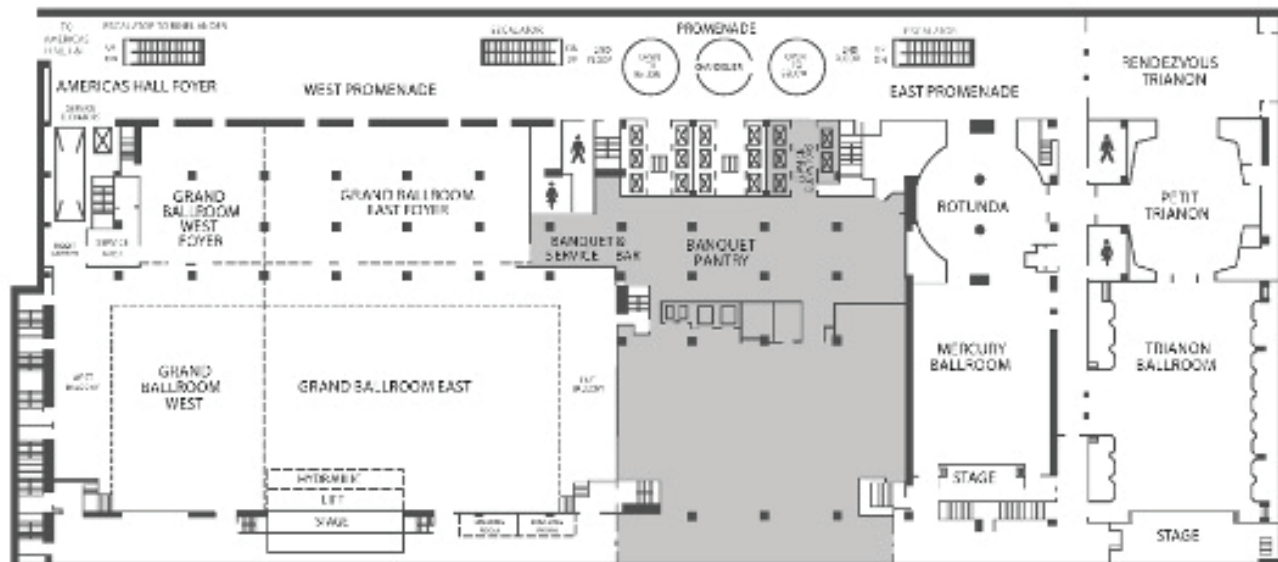


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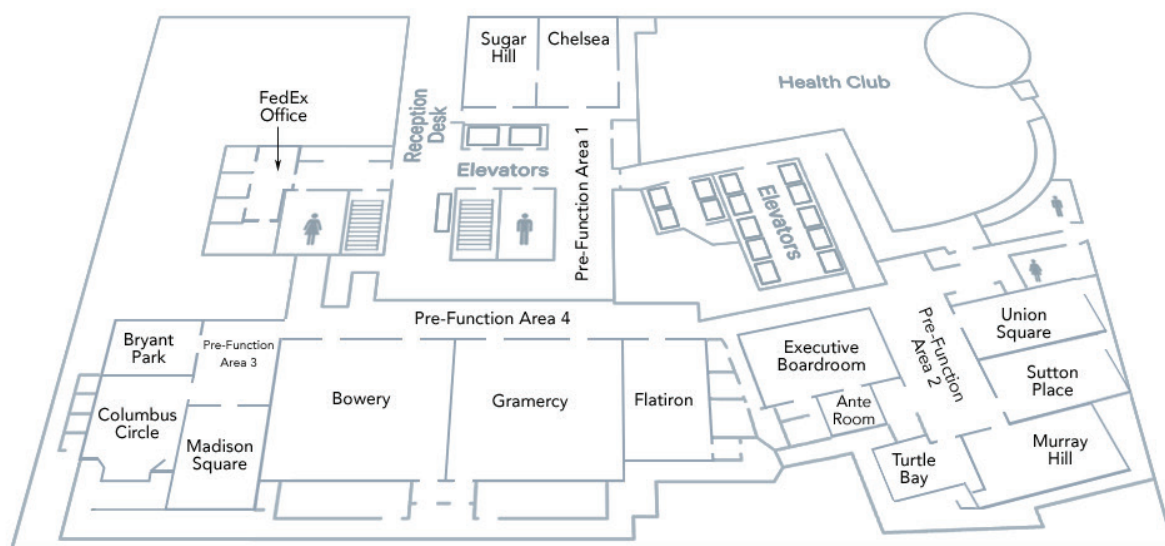


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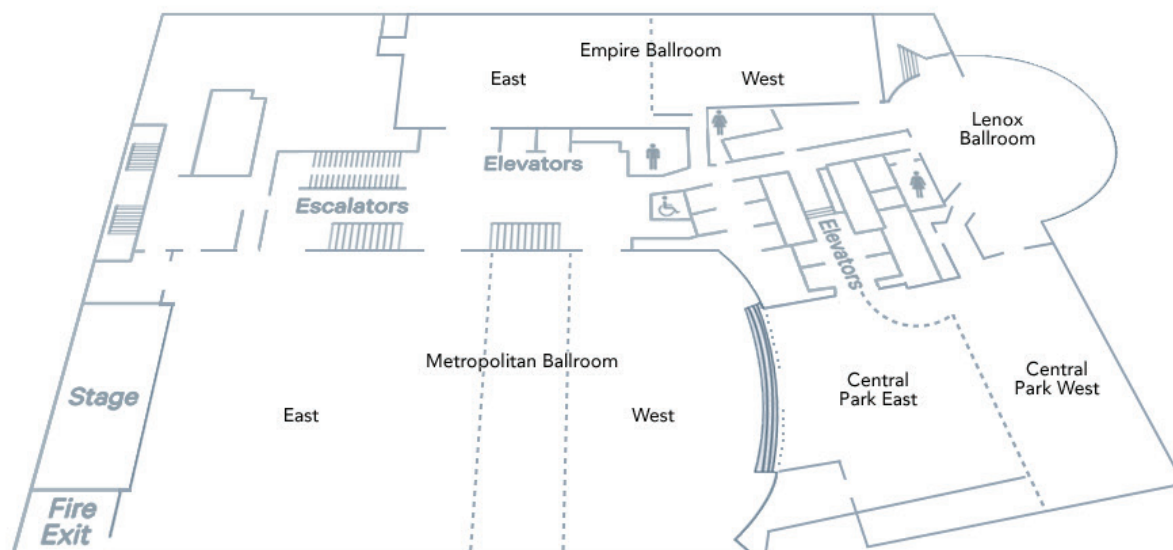
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Welcome

from the President & CEO and Board Chairman

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Whether joining us in person at the 2024 NMA Convention or virtually, we extend our warmest welcome. Our W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute Annual Program at the 128th National Medical Association (NMA) Convention is poised to be both enlightening and stimulating, featuring engaging Symposia in collaboration with various partners and institutions, including the Jane Cooke Wright M.D. Symposium and Project IMPACT 2.0 Symposium on Representation in Clinical Trials, addressing the pivotal role of representation in medicine, biomedical research, and clinical trials to mitigate racial and ethnic health disparities.

First, we invite you to join us in congratulating our 2024 Cobb Honorees, featured on subsequent pages. Their dedication and contributions to the medical and scientific fields are exemplary and warrant special recognition.

Reflecting on the 2023 Symposium, which served as a pivotal moment for contemplating progress and challenges in medical education and diversity, we eagerly anticipate the 2024 Symposium. We are privileged to present Dr. Cato Laurencin of the University of Connecticut and *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities* as our distinguished Cobb Lecturer, whose remarkable contributions epitomize excellence in education, medicine and scientific innovation. Dr. Laurencin's lecture promises to ignite crucial conversations around mentorship and representation in regenerative engineering. Panel discussion will then delve into strategies and challenges in fostering diversity and inclusion in medical education, featuring esteemed panelists from the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) and leading pipeline programs, including Mentoring in Medicine. The symposium will conclude with a summary and actionable steps guided by Dr. Yolanda Lawson, President of the NMA. Your participation in shaping this transformative journey is invaluable.

Furthermore, for those interested in navigating the NIH enterprise, we have thoughtfully designed a program tailored to our Cobb Scholars, pre-Cobb Scholars, IMF Scholars, NMA Postgraduate Section, and the Student National Medical Association.

We invite you to visit www.thecobbinstitute.org to become involved in advancing diverse leadership throughout the scientific and biomedical pipelines. Together, let us contribute meaningfully to solutions for racial and ethnic health disparities.

Sincerely,



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