Caring for Diverse and Disadvantaged Populations—Translating Policy to Practice

The goal of this selective is to discuss topics critical to understanding the needs of underserved communities, such as the *Organization of the Health Care System for the Medically Indigent, Health Care Reform, Health Care Disparities* and more. We have invited faculty from several disciplines to discuss providing healthcare to the medically indigent. Students will participate in classroom discussions at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Our hope is that the selective will not only stimulate discussion and initiate research on topics presented, but will also foster a humane approach to patient care and complement the medical education curriculum. This selective is open to all students.

**Objectives:** Students will:

- Review major health policy issues pertaining to the health and health care of underserved communities.
- Introduce and provide an overview of the roles of the U.S. health care system, insurance, and government in health care delivery to the underserved.
- Describe the main health disparities of vulnerable populations.
- Describe the social determinants of health and its impact on health care delivery and treatment options.
- Describe key components of the systems based practice graduation competency.
- Develop a 2-page research question and rationale related to the care of underserved communities.

**Course Format:**

- 1-hour discussions conducted by physicians, students, and other faculty
- 20 to 30 minute discussions for students to share readings and discussions on their topics of interest with faculty
- Students are expected to attend each meeting and complete all assignments to pass the course
- Site visits, if schedule permits
**Assignments:** At the beginning of the course, students will be asked to select a health interest that is relevant to underserved communities and that they consider relates to the ideas presented in discussions. Students will present a brief 2-page paper and discussion (5 minutes) of the topic of interest to them.

**Course Chairs:** Daphne Calmes, M.D., Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Charles R. Drew University, Ronald Edelstein, Ed.D. Dean of Academic Affairs, Charles R. Drew University, and Shanika Boyce, M.D, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Charles R. Drew University.

**Student Requirements:** Students should have an interest in health policy for diverse communities. They are expected to attend each meeting, participate in the discussions, and complete a 2-page paper to pass the course.

**Enrollment:** Course is open to all students, but it is mandatory for 1st year CDU/UCLA Medical students

**Sponsoring College:** Urban Underserved College

**Schedule:** 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Session A starting 9/11/2017

**Location:** UCLA