

National Leaders Come Together for Dialogue on Men's Health

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Today's Dialogue on Men's Health being hosted in Washington, DC is a first step toward breaking down barriers and starting a national discussion to improve the health and wellbeing of men, boys, and their families.

The event will bring together patient organizations, healthcare provider associations, employers, government agency stakeholders, key policymakers, community organizations, faith-based networks, and others to initiate a national dialogue.

This is the first in a series of dialogues that will explore the health and wellbeing of boys and men and the effects that has on their families. Speakers and participants will explore the social, environmental, and individual determinants that influence the health of American males. Health topics such as atrial fibrillation and heart health, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and respiratory health, diabetes, oncology, and more will be addressed.

Other important topics to be discussed include the current men's health landscape and the influence of parents as role models on children's health and wellbeing. Participants will share best practices in community outreach and ways to improve health messaging for men.

Featured speakers will include Jean Bonhomme, MD, MPH, President of the National Black Men's Health Network and Assistant Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine, Francisco Semiao, MS, MPH, Senior Director of Corporate/Foundation Relations at MedStar Health, and Cara V. James, PhD, Director of the Office of Minority Health at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Dialogue is being cosponsored by Men's Health Network, the Men's Health Caucus in official relations with the American Public Health Association, Boy Scouts of America, Association of Black Cardiologists, Boehringer Ingelheim, Veteran's Health Council, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, American Osteopathic Association, Men's Health Alliance and Health HIV.

About Men's Health Network

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