Dear SNMA Leader,

Your attendance is requested at this year’s inaugural Health Disparities Research Symposium and Board of Director’s Meeting, Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26 in Tampa, Florida. The Symposium is hosted in partnership with the University of South Florida, the Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Connecticut and the NMA/Cobb Research Institute. This meeting will provide our members with new insights into current research centered on the reduction and elimination of health disparities. In addition, training sessions will provide further information for members interested in future SNMA leadership.

The SNMA is committed to addressing the needs of the underserved community and thus dedicates itself to the understanding of health disparities. With this in mind, the schedule for the weekend will include opportunities to learn more about the current health disparities in our communities, to engage researchers and to advance our common knowledge and understanding. As the final part of our Campaign for Diversity and Understanding, we will highlight the health issues and concerns of our African American communities with a presentation from the experts of the Moffitt Cancer Center. This meeting will also include a Future Leadership Training Session that will focus on providing our membership with the leadership skills necessary to fulfill the goals of the SNMA, as well as the personal and professional goals of each attendee.

The weekend’s schedule is also adapted to allow for every participant’s attendance at the January Board of Directors meeting, held quarterly and currently scheduled as the backbone of the National Leadership Institute. Interested attendees will be able to witness the managerial aspects of our national organization, and will be invited to provide input to your elected leaders that represent your collective interests.

Please submit your registration on-line. A tentative schedule can be found below. There is no registration fee for this event. As such, please consider this training experience a benefit of being a member of the SNMA. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Annette McLane at conferences@snma.org. We recognize that every officer has time constraints, and we do support your efforts to attend this effort. Please let us know if you need a letter of support to provide your school or potential travel sponsors. I thank you for your commitment to leadership and service to our organization, profession, and community. I look forward to seeing you in Tampa!

Sincerely,

Courtney M. Johnson
National President, 2013-2014
**STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**
**JOINT HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
**FRIDAY - SUNDAY**
January 24 – 26, 2014
**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**
**TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**HOTEL**
Embassy Suites Tampa - USF/Busch Gardens  
3705 Spectrum Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
Ph: 813-977-7066  
Fax: 813-903-6600

**MEETING LOCATION**
University of South Florida College of Medicine  
12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.,  
Tampa, FL 33612

**Moffitt Cancer Center**  
12902 Magnolia Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612

**ROOM RATES**
$134.00 per night (single or double occupancy). Cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary appetizers and beverages at the nightly Evening Reception is included in the rate.

**INDIVIDUAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS**
Each individual guest must make his or her own reservation at The Embassy Suites by calling 813-903-6620 by **January 10, 2014**. They must identify themselves as members of the Group with the group name of **Cobb/SNMA Meeting**. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

**CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT POLICY**
Check in time at the hotel is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 pm. For guests arriving earlier than the check-in time or staying later than the check-out time, luggage storage can be provided.

**HOTEL AMENITIES**
Automated Teller (ATM), Baggage Storage, Beverage Area, Complimentary, Coin Laundry, Concierge Desk, Elevators, Gift Shop, Laundry/Valet Service, Lounge, On-Site Convenience Store, Room Service, Safety Deposit Box, Fitness Room, Pool, Video Arcade, 24-hour business center, and High speed internet (wired and wireless).

**TRAVEL**
The airport of arrival is Tampa International Airport (TPA). Distance to hotel from airport: 15mi. Drive time is 20 minutes.

**Shuttle Service:**
The hotel does not operate a shuttle service from the airport to the hotel, but will assist attendees in getting from the hotel to the USF campus. The local shuttle service is Airport Direct. Obtain rates from them at: www.airportdirectshuttleservice.com or call 1-800-756-1303.

**PARKING**
Parking is $5.00 per vehicle/day

**ATTIRE**
Business

National officers should make their travel plans to arrive by 3pm on Friday afternoon and leave after 5pm on Sunday afternoon. All other attendees should plan to arrive by 5pm on Friday afternoon.
**Friday, January 24, 2014 (USF Morsani School of Medicine)**

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<td>Board of Directors Meeting</td>
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ONLINE REGISTRATION:

http://snma.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=371636

Registration deadline is Friday, January 10, 2014.

For questions or information, please contact
SNMA National Headquarters
via email: conferences@snma.org or via fax: 202-882-2886

*Please note that you must be a nationally paid SNMA member to attend the National Leadership Institute. Your membership status will be verified during the registration process.

** While registration for this event is free, there is an online administrative fee of $1.70
**Poster Forum Information:**

Dear SNMA Leader,

We invite you to attend the inaugural Health Disparities Research Symposium Friday, January 24 - Sunday, January 26 in Tampa, Florida and participate in our Diversity Research Poster Forum. The Symposium is hosted in partnership with the University of South Florida, the Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Connecticut and the NMA/Cobb Research Institute. This meeting will provide our members with new insights into current research centered on the reduction and elimination of health disparities. The schedule provides our student SNMA members the opportunity to display and present their current research initiatives. Please read the information below to sign up for the poster forum.

**Diversity Research Forum**

**Attention All Student Researchers!** On Saturday January 25 we will host a Diversity Research Poster Forum to celebrate the exciting research our members are conducting. We invite you to display your research and spark discussion about advancement in scientific techniques, health disparity challenges and innovations in medicine.

All research posters - Basic, Clinical and Transitional- are welcome. We will supply the easel board, which is 4 x 4 in dimension. There is a capacity for twenty (20) posters, so sign up today. **Prizes will be awarded to the best poster!**

All participants must be registered for the Symposium- Note that registration is free for all nationally-paid SNMA members!

Please use the link below to sign-up for the poster forum.

**The deadline to register and sign-up is January 10, 2014.**

For additional questions, please contact Priscilla Mpasi at vicepresident@snma.org

**Poster Forum Sign-up ---->** [http://http://tinyurl.com/mh3a4hb](http://http://tinyurl.com/mh3a4hb)
Symposium Agenda and Speaker Information:

Unequal Treatment Revisited: Are We On The Right Path?

Where have we been, where are we now, where are we going?

The goal of the Symposium and Town Hall discussion is to update our understanding of the impact of the social determinants of healthcare and the new emphasis upon community involvement in the exploration of promising strategies to eliminate disparities through opportunities in research.

The objectives of the Symposium include the following:
1. Updated principles and new theories regarding health and health care disparities
2. Insights into current research centered on the reduction and elimination of health disparities
3. The role of interventions that impact the underserved community

Agenda
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<td>Moderator- Lee Green Ph.D. Vice President of Moffitt Diversity, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center &amp; Research Institute</td>
<td>Desiree Rivers Ph.D, Program Director, Florida Health Equity Research Institute Center Coordinator, Center for Equal Health</td>
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<td>Cato Laurencin M.D., Ph.D, Director, University of Connecticut Health Center; Chair, Board of Directors, Cobb Institute Health Disparities 401</td>
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<td>9:45 AM-11:00 AM</td>
<td>Module II- the Role of Research Centered on the Reduction and Elimination of Health Disparities</td>
<td>Mona Fouad M.D., MPH Director UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Center Racial and Ethnic Approaches across the US (REACH US) Mid-South Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED), Virginia Caine M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Infectious Disease Division of the Indiana University School of Medicine; Director, Marion County Public Health Department. Research opportunities for the young</td>
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physician

Courtney Johnson, President, Student National Medical Association
Perspective of graduate students related to research

Richard Roetzheim M.D. – Co-PI of the Center for Equal Health.
Health disparities elimination strategies such as cultural competency training, patient navigation, and research and outreach by community health workers

EVELYN L. LEWIS, M.D., M.A., Deputy Director of the Cobb Institute
Research opportunities related to Military Medicine

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Module III The Role of Interventions that impact the underserved community
Moderator—Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A, Executive Director, W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute

Documentary Video Presentation: “Operation Change”

Panelists Discussion of the Video:
James Wood M.D. Steering Committee MIL, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Harbor, Hospital of Baltimore
Dr. Icilma Fergus—President, Association of Black Cardiologist
Cedric Bright M.D., Past President, NMA Diabetes and Obesity
Yashika Watkins Ph.D - MIL
Biree Andermarian MD U Conn
Maria Pinzon, Community Advocate in Tampa