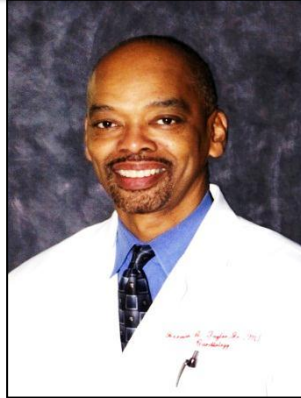


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BUILDING A PLATFORM FOR CHANGE

A Distinguished Lecture

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Abstract: The goal of the JHS is to build a platform for improved health based on rigorous scientific observation, the training of future leaders in medical and public health research and care, and effective community partnering. Its scientific output is beginning to define details of the CVD epidemic as it manifests in an economically diverse African American community. The early findings have implications for not only African Americans in the South, but for African Americans across the US and all who are threatened by cardiovascular disease. The trends of CVD noted over the course of the JHS and its companion observational study, ARIC (begun in 1987), make a strong case that research in health disparities should move resolutely to develop and launch novel trials of efficacious/effective interventions to alter the trajectory of disease in the population. Studies like the JHS offer important opportunities to guide the development and even be a part of such trials.

Dr. Taylor will discuss the present status and future promise of this landmark study.