

# Achieving Health Equity: Tools to Move Forward

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**Topic:** Clinicians and other maternal and child health providers are increasingly aware of and able to identify health inequities in their work. However, they often struggle with how to move from knowledge to action and take tangible steps towards dismantling medical racism from their position in the field. In this webinar, participants will learn meaningful tools to eliminate health inequities in their own work and organizations.

## Presenter(s):

**Dr. Veronica Gillispie-Bell** is a Board-Certified Obstetrician & Gynecologist and Associate Professor for Ochsner Health in New Orleans, Louisiana. She serves as the Senior Site Lead and Section Head of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ochsner Kenner. Additionally, she serves as the Director of Quality for Women's Services for the Ochsner Health System. In addition, she is the Medical Director of the Minimally Invasive Center for the Treatment of Uterine Fibroids. She earned her medical degree from Meharry Medical College and completed her residency training at Ochsner Health System. She has a Master of Applied Science in Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Additionally, she has received certification in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University. Clinically, in addition to providing obstetric care, Dr. Gillispie-Bell performs advanced laparoscopic and robotic-assisted laparoscopic procedures and is known nationally for her expertise in management of heavy menstrual bleeding associated with fibroids.

Dr. Gillispie-Bell is also the Medical Director of the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative and Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review for the Louisiana Department of Health. In this role, she leads initiatives in the state of Louisiana to improve birth outcomes for all birthing persons in Louisiana and eliminate the Black-white disparity gap. Dr. Gillispie-Bell has testified before Congress and led Congressional briefings to inform on the drivers of maternal mortality and legislative policy to improve maternal mortality and eliminate the Black-white disparity gap. Additionally, she serves in several leadership roles promoting efforts to achieve health equity.

She has served in several local and national leadership roles and received many accolades for her contributions to clinical, academic, and community services.

## Who should participate/Audience:

Health care providers, nurses, doulas, birth workers, birth educators, lactation specialists, public health workers, health equity advocates, social workers, Community Health Workers, and anyone who interacts with birthing people.

## Objectives:

- Understand the disparities that exist in maternal and child health
- Identify your position and power towards eliminating disparities
- Learn tools to help dismantle medical racism in your workplace

**CEU** - Participants should contact their relevant licensing board to determine if this program will meet continuing education requirements and CEU values.

This webinar is free, but space is limited. Click [here to register](#).

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