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## First Annual Multicultural Forum

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### **Facing Up to Disparity in Health Care: Finding New Ways to Improve Health**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2001 • 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
BLUEMLE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING  
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

#### **Overview**

The first annual Multicultural Medicine Conference will examine the barriers to accessible, high-quality, culturally-competent health care for the people of the United States. The program will identify how the gap in health status is being addressed on local, state, and national levels and explore the interface between managed care and cultural competency. In addition, issues of training for cultural competence will be addressed.

#### **Content**

The program is a one-day symposium with presentations by a diverse faculty of locally and nationally recognized experts in the field of multicultural practice and health services research. The symposium will address how services to various communities can be more responsive to and effective for individuals. The program will provide a forum for participants to discuss cultural competency issues surrounding the delivery of services for communities at three levels: (1) the clinical level where services are delivered; (2) the administrative level where services are managed and developed; and, (3) the policy development level where services are supported, regulated, and/or purchased.

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