

UHAND

A partnership to address cancer disparities



The UHAND Program to Reduce Cancer Disparities is a collaborative partnership between the University of Houston and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center devoted to the elimination of cancer inequities.

Education

The Education Program develops the scientific and leadership skills, knowledge, and practices of scholars: students, postdoctoral fellows, and early stage investigators.

Community Outreach

UHAND works with a Community Advisory Board and a Community Partners Network to enhance our scholars' training with real-world experience. In addition, the UHAND program engages in various health promotion and educational activities across Houston.

Research

The Pilot Research Program supports collaborative research between faculty members from the University of Houston and MD Anderson Cancer Center to prevent cancer-related health disparities. UHAND scholars work with the Pilot Research Program investigators to enhance their research skills and knowledge.

Through education, community outreach, and innovative research, UHAND seeks to address and ultimately eliminate the cancer inequities experienced by blacks and Hispanics while diversifying the workforce and giving back to the community.

FACTS ABOUT CANCER

HIGH CANCER DEATH RATES AMONG BLACK MEN & WOMEN

Black men and women have the highest overall cancer death rates, and black men have the highest overall cancer incidence rates.

CANCER THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATHS AMONG HISPANICS

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Hispanics, with 125,900 estimated new cancer cases and 37,800 estimated cancer deaths in 2015.

50% OF CANCER COULD BE PREVENTED THROUGH HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS

Up to 50% of cancer cases in the United States could be prevented through healthy lifestyle choices such as eating a healthy diet, getting enough physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight.



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