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Dr. Ferdinand is Professor of Medicine at the Tulane University School of Medicine and previously Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Xavier University, New Orleans and Clinical Professor of Medicine at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Ferdinand received his medical degree from the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, certified in the subspecialty of nuclear cardiology, and a specialist in clinical hypertension. Dr. Ferdinand is a member of the Association of University Cardiologists, past Chair of the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, and prior Chief Science Officer and Chair of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC). He is presently Chair of the ABC Access to Care Initiative and Co-Chair of the ABC CME Committee. He has also served on the board of the American Society of Hypertension, the Southwest Lipid Association, and the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks. He is presently on the board of the Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular Health, the National Lipid Association, and the American Society for Preventive Cardiology. He also serves the AHA National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI) Advisory Group, reflecting his unique perspective, experience, and expertise in hypertension. He serves as Advisor to the National Association of Community Health Centers *Million Hearts* initiative with the CDC. He has conducted numerous trials in hypertension, lipids, cardiometabolic risk, and cardiovascular disease, especially in racial/ethnic minorities, with over 250 peer-reviewed publications and lectures nationally and internationally. In addition to his clinical work, he has participated in numerous clinical education activities in the community, locally and nationally, regarding eliminating disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic. He serves on the Louisiana Governor's COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, the NIH Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL), and the Louisiana Vaccination Action Committee (VAC). Furthermore, as President of the Healthy Heart Community Prevention Project (HHCPP) 501c3 nonprofit health organization in New Orleans, Dr. Ferdinand has offered community lectures, conversed with faith and community

centers, politicians, and the local radio on racial and ethnic disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic and on effective vaccination strategies. In 2004, Dr. Ferdinand received the Louis B. Russell, Jr. Memorial Award of the American Heart Association and has received many other awards including the Congressional Black Caucus Health Trust for Journalism, the Charles Drew Award for Medical Excellence from the National Minority Quality Foundation, the Wenger Award for Medical Leadership by *WomenHeart*, the ABC Spirit of the Heart Distinguished Leadership Award, the 2019 Xavier University Champion Award for Health Equity, and the AHA 2019 James B. Herrick Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Cardiology.