

Recent Publications:

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Dr. White Perkins is a senior staff physician and faculty member of the Department of Family Medicine at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan. She enjoys a clinical practice at the Detroit Northwest Henry Ford Medical Center where she teaches residents and medical students. She is also an associate clinical professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

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In her role as Director of the Institute on Multicultural Health she develops innovative research, educational and community based programs aimed at eliminating health and healthcare disparities. The Institute on Multicultural Health studies the disparities in healthcare among people from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations. The Institute's programs involve developing culturally appropriate partnerships between researchers, patients, health care providers and the community. It's mission is to (1) Conduct and facilitate research of health disparities in underrepresented racial and ethnic populations and disseminate outcomes locally, regionally, and nationally; (2) Develop community-based programs aimed at improving the health status of underrepresented racial and ethnic populations, and (3) Provide training to enhance the cultural competence of researchers and health care providers.

Dr. White-Perkins' research interests in-



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clude medical education on health disparities, the impact of social determinants of health on chronic disease management, and the influence of culture and religion on health. She is committed to increasing the cultural sensitivity and responsiveness of health providers and healthcare systems as they care for patients, particularly those in urban underserved communities. Dr. White-Perkins welcomes the opportunity to leverage her experience in healthcare equity, medical education and clinical family medicine to build collaborative partnerships with academic, community and health system stakeholders for the advancement of equity and diversity in healthcare.