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Personal Statement: As a physician-researcher, I have dedicated myself to understanding the causes of racial disparities, particularly for individuals with chronic kidney disease (CKD), and how we can ameliorate them. Additionally, as a hospitalist I take care of a large number of patients with advanced chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease, and have observed results of a lack of education and referral options. The goal of my K23 proposal is to develop, implement and evaluate a patient-centered referral and education program that incorporates in-person education for hospitalized African-American patients with advanced chronic kidney disease in an urban, underserved hospital. This proposal builds on my prior published work which demonstrates that African Americans receive lower quality care and have worse outcomes due to where they live and receive their care. My prior training, hospitalist background, and relevant research experience will enable me contribute to the project and benefit from the knowledge brought by my patient and clinician collaborators.

Hobbies/Interests:

Why this project is important to me: I look forward to collaborating and learning from patient and clinician collaborators to improve patient knowledge and outcomes.