



## the ACORN newsletter January 2021 edition

### what's going on

#### Health Equity: Black Lives, Black Lungs

The focus on health equity in 2021 was a start towards improving the lives of Black Americans and Virginians. Patrick Nana-Sinkam, MD, the chair of the Division of Pulmonology and Critical Care at VCU, recently brought to light the high rates of death and hospitalizations experienced by Black people – additionally, Black Americans are more likely to develop COPD and less likely to be screened for lung cancer. Our community can help reduce these disparities – reimagine health by taking action to ensure that your patients have access to preventive care and secondary prevention. Join VCU's next health equity lecture, Cancers Below the Belt, on February 9, 2021 by registering [here](#).

#### important opportunity!

##### Friday Facts & Faith Call

VCU is hosting Dr. Anthony Fauci for an update on the COVID vaccine. Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:45-4:30. [REGISTER HERE!](#)



#### thank you!

The ACORN team presented on a variety of research around our ongoing Unhealthy Alcohol Use & Enhanced Care Planning studies (among others) during 2020's NAPCRG meeting last November. If you have questions or you'd like to see specific abstracts or posters, please get it touch.

We couldn't do this work without you. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to research and all you do to take care of Virginians. From all of us at ACORN, a happy New Year to you!

#### get involved

If you want to improve primary care, your practice might want to join ACORN. We want to work with you! Follow the QR code & take the survey to let us know what kind of research you're interested in doing.



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