



## **ABOUT THE ACADEMY**

The New York Academy of Medicine advances solutions that promote the health and well-being of people in cities worldwide.

### **LEADERSHIP**

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Established in 1847, The New York Academy of Medicine continues to address the health challenges facing the world's rapidly growing urban populations. We accomplish this through our Institute for Urban Health, home of interdisciplinary research, evaluation, policy and program initiatives; our world class historical medical library and its public programming in history, the humanities, and the arts; and our Fellows program, a network of more than 2,000 experts elected by their peers from across the professions affecting health. Our current priorities are healthy aging, disease prevention, and eliminating health disparities.

### **LEADERSHIP IN URBAN HEALTH**

For over 170 years, the Academy has uniquely been at the forefront of addressing health challenges in urban environments, and has helped define the field of Urban Health. From our textbooks on Urban Health and our peer-reviewed *Journal of Urban Health*, to establishing the International Society for Urban Health, and implementing ground-breaking urban health initiatives such as Age-friendly NYC, the Academy brings a dedicated and experienced focus to the complexities of advancing health in cities.

### **INSTITUTE FOR URBAN HEALTH**

The Academy's Institute for Urban Health brings together our expert professional staff to address the urgent health needs of rapidly growing urban

environments. Focusing on our priority areas—healthy aging, prevention, and eliminating health disparities—we pursue multi-dimensional answers that consider the social, physical, and economic conditions that impact the health of individuals and the communities in which they live.

The Institute houses the Center for Health Policy and Programs, home to expert policy analysts, advisors, and programs including the award-winning Age-friendly NYC initiative, as well as three research centers. The Center for Health Innovation focuses on developing and implementing innovative responses to the challenges facing the United States health care system. The Center for Cognitive Studies in Medicine & Public Health is devoted to investigating and understanding the decision-

making behaviors of health care providers and their interactions with patients with information technology. The Center for Evaluation and Applied Research conducts program evaluations and research to advance health policy and practice.

On the global front, the Academy founded the International Society for Urban Health as a forum to encourage global collaboration among academic experts, practitioners, and policy makers interested in the health effects of urban environments and urbanization. Academy staff are sought-after speakers and consultants on the global stage addressing critical issues of health in urban environments such as healthy aging and effective governance for health.

### **LIBRARY**

The Academy is home to one of the most significant historical libraries in medicine and public health in the world, safeguarding the heritage of medicine to inform the future of health. The Library is dedicated to building bridges among an interdisciplinary community of scholars, educators, clinicians, and the general public. It fills a unique role in the cultural and scholarly landscape of New York City through its collections and by providing research services and an engaging roster of public programs integrating medicine with history, the humanities, and the arts presented by its Center for the History of Medicine and Public Health.

### **FELLOWS**

The Academy's prestigious Fellows program, the foundation on which the Academy was established in 1847, includes more than 2,000 individuals, elected by their peers, from across the professions affecting health. The Fellows are organized into 20 diverse Sections and working groups that address clinical and population health issues facing individuals and communities in New York City and cities around the world. Working collaboratively across disciplines, specialties, and institutional boundaries, Fellows participate in cutting edge research, educational, and health policy programs; organize events addressing critical health issues; and enjoy unprecedented networking opportunities as well as active engagement with staff of the Academy in the work conducted by the Institute for Urban Health and the Library.

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