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Kemar J. Brown, MD, is a clinical and research fellow in cardiovascular medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital and is a John S. Ladue Fellow in the Department of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, where his work focuses on understanding the fundamental molecular and cellular mechanisms of heart failure. Dr. Brown completed his undergraduate education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, received his medical degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine, and thereafter completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. He has a keen interest in advanced heart failure and transplantation, and as a clinical fellow, his research centers on identifying strategies to dismantle inequities in heart failure and access to digital medicine. Dr. Brown is a member of the American College of Cardiology Heart Failure and Transplant Leadership Section and serves on the Association of Black Cardiologist (ABC) Community Programs and Communications Committees. [Follow Dr. Brown on Twitter @kemar_MD.](#)

Debra Dixon, MD

Dr. Debra Dixon is a Cardiovascular Research Fellow in the Division of Cardiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and a Harrison Society Scholar. Dr. Dixon earned her MD and master's in Clinical Research from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University and a bachelor's in Biology and Spanish from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed Internal Medicine Residency at Vanderbilt and then continued on for Cardiology training as part of the Physician-Scientist Training program.

Dr. Dixon's research focuses on understanding and addressing the social and psychosocial determinants of cardiovascular risk. As a Center for Health Equity Education and Advocacy Health Equity Scholar, she is passionate about identifying innovative solutions to mitigate the burden of cardiovascular disease in historically marginalized populations. She serves as a member of the Professional and Career Working Group, Research Committee, and Fellows-in-Training Committee for the Association of Black Cardiologists. [Follow Dr. Dixon on Twitter @DebraDixonMD](#)

Zainab Mahmoud, MD

Dr. Mahmoud is a Cardiology fellow at Washington University in St. Louis and is interested in Cardio-Obstetrics and Global Health. She completed her medical degree at Trinity College in Dublin and subsequently obtained a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also earned a master's in health policy degree at Imperial College in London. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Pennsylvania Hospital where she was also Chief Resident. She is interested in improving global maternal cardiovascular health. Her research will focus on improving care for patients with Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy and Peripartum Cardiomyopathy which are both highly prevalent in Nigeria. Through reciprocal innovation, she plans to translate lessons learned from her research in Nigeria to help advance practice in the United States. [Follow Dr. Mahmoud on Twitter @DrZMahmoud](#)

Victoria Thomas, MD

Dr. Thomas completed medical school at the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine followed by residency training at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is fervent about medical and patient education along with promoting health equity and decreasing health disparities. She will be pursuing a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) degree this fall and starting her Interventional Cardiology Fellowship in 2023. Her ultimate goal will be to become a physician scientist with an emphasis on coronary and peripheral artery disease. [Follow Dr. Thomas on Twitter @Drvic_thomas](#)