

# Discussing the Facts:

## Colon Cancer and Health Disparities

*Presented by New Morning Star Baptist Church and Sibley Memorial Hospital*

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**  
**7 to 8 p.m. | via Zoom**

Colorectal cancer is unusual among cancers in that there has been a halving of US colorectal cancer death rate since 1980. While there has been a substantial 50% decline for the US overall, the decline is greater and less than 50% in some areas of the US (there has been a 63% decrease in Massachusetts and a 12% decrease in Mississippi). There was no racial disparity in colorectal cancer death rate in the 1970's but a substantial disparity with Black or African Americans having the highest death rate occurred in the 1990's. Thankfully the disparity is now going away. Dr. Otis Brawley will discuss colon cancer prevention, appropriate screening, diagnostics, and treatment.

**Welcome and Program Introduction:** Reverend Dr. Donald K. Sadler, pastor of New Morning Star Baptist Church

**Moderator:** Honora Precourt, M.B.A., C.D.P., manager of the Sibley Senior Association, Sibley Memorial Hospital

**Guest Speaker:** Otis W. Brawley, M.D., M.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.(L), F.A.S.C.O., F.A.C.E., Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University



Otis W. Brawley, M.D., is the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University. He is an authority on cancer screening and prevention and leads a broad interdisciplinary research effort focused on cancer health disparities at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Brawley is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London), a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and one of the few physicians to be named a Master of the American College of Physicians. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Brawley is a graduate of University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed an internal medicine residency at Case-Western Reserve University and a fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Brawley is board certified in Internal medicine and medical oncology.

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