

Preface—Our Vision and Mission

MSM Vision

Leading the creation and advancement of health equity by:

1. Translating discovery into health equity
2. Building bridges between healthcare and health
3. Preparing future health learners and leaders



MSM Mission

We exist to:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities;
 - Increase the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce;
 - Address primary health care needs through programs in education, research, and service;
- with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia, the nation and the world.

“We are on a mission.”

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is like no other medical school in the country. We attract students who want to be great doctors, scientists, and health care professionals, and who want to make a lasting difference in their communities.

MSM ranks number one in the first-ever study of all United States medical schools in the area of social mission. The ranking came as a result of MSM’s focus on primary care and addressing the needs of underserved communities—a role which the study emphasizes is critical to improving overall healthcare in the United States. Such recognition underscores the vital role that MSM and other historically black academic health centers play in the nation’s healthcare system by addressing head on the issues of diversity, access, and misdistribution.

Put simply, we attract and train the doctors and health professionals America needs most—those who will care for underserved communities; those who will add racial and ethnic diversity to the health professions and scientific workforce; those who will dedicate themselves to eliminating the racial, ethnic, and geographic health inequities that continue to plague the community.

Likewise, our researchers seek to understand not only the biological determinants of illness and health, but also the social determinants—the circumstances in which someone is born, lives, works, and ages. These circumstances can be shaped by diverse forces, but can be just as powerful as physiology, if not more so, when it comes to health and wellness.