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HOWARD UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN SELECTED BY NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP FOR OPIATE ADDICTION TREATMENT PROJECT

Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu developed delivery and operational approach in Brown’s Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership program

PROVIDENCE, RI – Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu, Professor and Chief of Urology at Howard University and recent graduate of Brown University’s Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership (EMHL) program, will be recognized by the National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) for his outstanding work on coordinating opiate addiction care in Washington, D.C.

The Buprenorphine Integrated Care Delivery Project is the first phase of Howard University’s Urban Health Initiative, a collaboration between the University and a community-based medical practice in Wards 7 & 8, Washington, D.C.’s most disadvantaged communities. Buprenorphine is thought to be an effective medical therapy for combating chronic opiate addiction. The project’s premise is that integrating addiction treatment across the care delivery spectrum will yield better outcomes for patients and better utilization of healthcare resources.

The Buprenorphine Integrated Care Delivery Project was one of eight initiatives selected in the NCHL 2015 Leadership Challenge, Leading Together, for pioneering work that enhances leadership competencies and collaboration across stakeholders. Dr. Ahaghotu will present this project at the NCHL Human Capital Investment Conference in Chicago on November 17-18.

“The NCHL is a non-profit organization that works to improve population health by strengthening healthcare leadership.

“All of us at the Urban Health Initiative are honored to be recognized by the National Center for Healthcare Leadership,” said Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu, Professor and Chief of Urology at Howard University. “Our efforts to coordinate care for disadvantaged populations have proven to be effective from a delivery and operational perspective. It is our hope that this program will better support the treatment of patients struggling with opiate addiction and help to reintegrate them back into their communities.”

Dr. Ahaghotu developed the Buprenorphine Integrated Care Delivery Project as part of his Critical Challenge Project, a signature component of the EMHL program. At the start of the program, students identify a significant challenge in health care and within their organizations, and apply knowledge gained in the program to develop and test real-time solutions.
“We are pleased that the National Center for Healthcare Leadership recognized the value of this important healthcare project,” said Jay Flanagan, Assistant Dean of Healthcare Programs. “Dr. Ahaghotu was a valued contributor to the EMHL Class of 2015, and we know he’ll continue to make substantive, transformational contributions to healthcare and to the community.”

The Brown University Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership is an accelerated program of intense study focused on leading transformative change in the American healthcare industry. It is targeted for professionals with significant responsibility in the healthcare industry who continue working while pursuing their degree in the 16-month program of online and face-to-face learning. Brown’s Healthcare Leadership program engages leaders across the health spectrum, including those in clinical care, health system administration, insurance, drug and device manufacturing, and legal, regulatory, and non-profit settings. For more information, visit www.brown.edu/executive.