



THE PROGRAM OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Merck Company Foundation has selected the University of Michigan's Center for Managing Chronic Disease to serve as the Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes (Alliance) Program Office to:

- **Provide leadership in building the Alliance as a national partnership**
- **Support the diabetes and health care disparities program efforts of the five grantee communities (Camden, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Fort Washakie, Wyoming; and Memphis, Tennessee) over the next five years**
- **Serve as the hub for communications activities at both the national and local levels to promote collaboration, information exchange and dissemination of lessons learned and program outcomes**

ABOUT THE CENTER:

The Center for Managing Chronic Disease (the Center) focuses primarily on heart disease, respiratory disease, diabetes, breast cancer, Alzheimer's disease, allergies and factors associated with obesity. In an effort to meet its mission, the Center brings together chronic disease experts who are doing innovative work related to the social, behavioral, environmental and clinical aspects of disease management. Through collaboration, innovative approaches to chronic disease management are developed and widely disseminated.

The Center aims to help those in greatest need and the largest number possible. It focuses on the most vulnerable and at-risk populations as well as the organizations and individuals who help them. The Center works with organizations in the United States and internationally with colleagues interested in enhancing health and health care systems for individuals, families and communities.

An impressive group of faculty, staff and associates at the Center aims to have optimum positive effect on the lives of people living with or at-risk for developing chronic diseases.

WEB SITES:

<http://cmcd.sph.umich.edu>
www.managingchronicdisease.org

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR: Noreen Clark, Ph.D. Director, Center for Managing Chronic Disease

Dr. Clark is dedicated to systems, policies and programs that promote health, prevent illness and enable individuals to manage disease. Throughout her impressive career, Dr. Clark has served in various leadership positions, including: director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Allies Against Asthma Program; president of the Society for Public Health Education; chair of the Behavioral Science Section of the American Thoracic Society; and member of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Advisory Committee on Prevention, Education and Control. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.