

David C. Leach Award



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About the project:

The project, called Educating Residents about Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) in Newark, NJ and Implicit Bias with MATE (Module for Antibias Training Education), was created with the goal to overcome implicit bias and improve health outcomes by educating residents about the social determinants of health faced by the population of Newark, NJ and the role of American history in contributing to the health disparities in Black people.

“Dr. Prasad is a one-of-a-kind visionary who joined our program at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, she bluntly asked me: ‘Am I biased? Is my bias negatively impacting my patients?’”

“Dr. Prasad was single-handedly responsible for researching and designing the curriculum for this project. She decided that e-learning will be the best way to educate our healthcare providers about the devastating effects of implicit bias in patient care due to the flexibility online learning provides, especially during the era of a pandemic. Performance evaluation of individual residents who completed the course showed increased awareness and an overwhelming willingness and trust by residents to openly speak about sensitive topics such as racism and all that leads up to it. Furthermore, this project has encouraged residents to introspect and further solidify their reasons to become a physician in the first place.”