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Dr. Arthur R. James is a retired Obstetrician, Gynecologist, and Pediatrician. He was formerly the Medical Director for two different FQHC sites while simultaneously serving as the Ob/Gyn Division Director at both sites, former Director of the State of Michigan's Infant Mortality Think Tank, former member of the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, a former Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology for Michigan State's Ob/Gyn Department's Kalamazoo campus, former Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Pediatrics at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital, former Co-Chair of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality, co-founder of the State of Ohio's Institute for Birth Equity, the former Interim Executive Director of The Ohio State University's Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, former (and first African American) member of the Franklin County Board of Health, a former member of the leadership group of NICHQ's Healthy Start initiative and the 2022 recipient of the American Public Health Associations Martha May Eliot Award. Dr. James is currently a Consultant to Bronson Methodist Hospital and the Kalamazoo community to assist efforts to decrease the Black/White racial disparity in birth outcomes.

His primary area of interest is EQUITY. He completed his undergraduate degree at Stanford University, Medical School at Washington University in St. Louis, and residency training at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the University of Texas @ Houston Medical Center (Hermann Hospital). Much of his approach to improving a community's clinical outcomes is informed by the experience of being the youngest of six children in a poor family and being raised in a marginalized, under-resourced, predominantly black, inner-city community.