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Dr. Smitherman is an academic general pediatrician whose research interests include medical education, curriculum development, social determinants of health, cultural health beliefs, and diversity and inclusion in medicine. She has co-authored articles on racism in medicine and lectured to several medical organizations and community groups on Racism, Bias and Discrimination.