

In this episode of *SOAP Notes with Dr. Jay LaBine*, Jay sits down with Dr. James E.K. Hildreth, president and CEO of [Meharry Medical College](#). Dr. Hildreth is an American immunologist and was [recently appointed](#) as a member of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force for the Biden administration.

As both the head of the Metro Nashville's Coronavirus Task Force and as a member of the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee, Dr. Hildreth has been a driving force in the response to COVID-19 throughout the nation. A Harvard University and Oxford University graduate, Dr. Hildreth started his career researching HIV and AIDS in 1986 and has received numerous awards throughout his career for mentoring, leadership and his efforts related to diversity.

In this episode of SOAP Notes, Dr. LaBine and Dr. Hildreth talk about the parallels between the HIV pandemic and the coronavirus, how COVID-19 re-exposed health disparities across the nation and how to successfully address these systemic issues moving forward.

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The parallels between the HIV pandemic and COVID-19 - **2:01**

Looking back at 2020 - **3:47**

Health disparities and COVID-19 - **8:10**

The impact of your zip code on your health - **10:57**

The distrust in the healthcare system and the impact on vaccination rates - **16:13**

The role that medical schools can play to combat disparities - **18:32**

The mitigation effects of COVID-19 for Black seniors - **25:27**

How to connect the business of medicine to the impact of social determinants of health - **30:09**

Racial differences in nursing homes and COVID-19 - **31:33**

The future of global pandemics - **35:55**

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