



**We are honored to invite you to the 27th Annual HeLa Symposium, titled "Shedding Light, Saving Lives: MSM Symposium on Maternal Mortality" on Thursday, January 23, 2025. This symposium is dedicated to Henrietta Lacks, whose immortal cell line revolutionized medical science and continues to contribute to major breakthroughs.**

In 1951, Henrietta Lacks, an African American woman, unknowingly made a profound contribution to science. During treatment for cervical cancer, a young resident preserved some of her cells, which later developed into the first immortal human cell line, known as HeLa. Her cells have been instrumental in cancer research, vaccine development—including the polio vaccine—and advances in in vitro fertilization, cloning, and genetic research.

#### **Symposium Details**

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Morehouse School of Medicine NCPC Auditorium

- Engage with leading experts through keynote addresses and panel discussions.
- Hear from thought leaders at the forefront of maternal health.
- Review the latest research, policy updates, and clinical practices.
- Connect with peers, influencers, and innovators.
- Attendees will have the chance to earn Continuing Medical Education credits.

The overall goal of the symposium is to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing to reduce maternal mortality rates significantly.

**Who Should Attend?**

- Physicians, Nurses, Midwives, Doulas
- Public Health Officials
- Policymakers
- Researchers and Academics
- Advocates and Community Stakeholders
- Payors and CMS Officials
- Medical Students

Join us as we honor Henrietta Lacks's legacy and drive impactful discussions and actions to improve maternal health outcomes.

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