Abstract: Screening Colonoscopy Program

In Ohio, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of developing colorectal cancer and African American males have the highest mortality from colorectal cancer than any other gender/race group. As a result, African American men and women are needlessly dying, families are left devastated, and limited healthcare resources are being utilized to treat a cancer that could have been detected or prevented through screening colonoscopy. This Capstone Project, Development of a Screening Colonoscopy Program, begins with education to promote colorectal cancer screening with the initial focus on African American communities and identified lower socioeconomic neighborhoods. Following the identification and removal of barriers that prevent people from getting screened, grant funding provides the means for the uninsured, under insured and working poor to get a screening colonoscopy.