

## National Medical Association Awarded a 3 year HIV/AIDS Grant from the CDC

The National Medical Association was awarded a 3-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the program titled, "*HIV Prevention with National Medical Associations.*" The NMA, one of three organizations that was funded, will implement the following program objectives: a) understanding of the perceptions of physicians about HIV prevention and testing b) Increasing awareness of the HIV epidemic c) teaching African American physicians to provide rapid HIV testing as part of their routine medical care d) training black physicians to effectively and comfortably communicate with patients about sexual and drug risk behaviors in order to deliver HIV risk reduction prevention messages to their patients e) assist in decreasing the number of individuals who are at high risk for transmitting HIV and, f) increasing the number of persons with HIV to receive regular counseling about how to reduce the risk of transmitting the disease to others.

Drs. Virginia Caine and Dr. Wilbert Jordan will serve as Co-Principal Investigators of the NMA CDC HIV program. Wilbert C. Jordan, M.D., M.P.H., is the medical director of the OASIS Clinic of King/Drew Medical Center. A Harvard graduate, Dr. Jordan has been involved with the AIDS epidemic from its recognition and in 1983, reported the first heterosexual case of HIV in Los Angeles County and has treated over 3,000 patients. Dr. Virginia Caine is the Director of the Marion County Health Department where she set up the first countywide HIV/AIDS integrated health care delivery system involving major hospitals, community health centers, social services agencies and the HIV dental clinic. She is also the Chair of the NMA's Internal Medicine Section, an Associate Professor of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, Infectious Disease Division, and Past President of the American Public Health Association. For additional information on this program contact [Programs@NMAnet.org](mailto:Programs@NMAnet.org).