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A Telluride Scholar at Cornell University, Dr. Ferdinand received his BA in Biology from the University of New Orleans and an MD from Howard University College of Medicine. He completed an internship at the New Orleans US Public Health Hospital and a residency and fellowship at LSU Medical Center of New Orleans. He completed his cardiology training at Howard University Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, a diplomat in the subspecialty of nuclear cardiology, an American Society of Hypertension certified specialist in clinical hypertension, and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology.