“The Search for the Legacy of the USPHS Syphilis Study at Tuskegee: Reflective Essays Based upon Findings from the Tuskegee Legacy Project”

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“The Search for the Legacy of the USPHS Syphilis Study at Tuskegee: Reflective Essays Based upon Findings from the Tuskegee Legacy Project” is a collection of essays on the continuing significance of the infamous Syphilis Study at Tuskegee. The essays are largely based on seven scientific papers authored by Katz et al from the Tuskegee Legacy Project and funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to collect and analyze survey data on the impact of the Syphilis Study on the recruitment of minority subjects into biomedical research studies. This information is especially important given the mandate to recruit minority (and women) subjects into NIH-funded biomedical studies.

The book includes 14 diverse essays:

- From Exclusion to Inclusion: Participation in Biomedical Research and the Legacy of the Public Health Syphilis Study at Tuskegee
- Of Thanks and Forgiveness
- The Tuskegee Syphilis Study as a “Site of Memory”
- Tuskegee Legacy: The Role of the Social Determinants of Health
- Toward the Ethical Conduct of Science and a Socially Just World
- The Southern Male Placebo Study: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
- Intent: The Key that Unlocks the Search for the Legacy of the USPHS Syphilis Study at Tuskegee
- The Untold Story of the Legacy of the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male: Or, Is the Legacy of Tuskegee Affirmative Action for White Researchers?
- Legacy of Tuskegee
- Racial Conspiracy and Research
- African Americans and the Broader Legacy of Experience with the American Health Care Community: Parasites, Locusts and Scavengers
- The USPHS Syphilis Study at Tuskegee: Rethinking the Horizons of Beneficence
- Medicine, Research and Socio-Cultural History: Reciprocal Relationships
- Healing the Sin-Sick Soul: Reflections on the Syphilis Study

The book is available in bookstores.

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