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Dr. Kebreten Manaye obtained her medical degree from the University of Aristotle School of Medicine in Thessalonica, Greece. Upon coming to the United States, she joined the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School. She joined the Howard University College of Medicine faculty in the Department of Physiology & Biophysics, becoming a full Professor in 2009. Dr. Manaye has served as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Neuropathology at Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, where her research primarily focused on Alzheimer's disease and the therapeutic efficacy of a non-hormonal form of estrogen, which has led to seminal discoveries in the field, contributing to our understanding of neurodegenerative disorders.

She has been a driving force in multiple initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion in the sciences, especially for women and underrepresented minorities (URMs), and she plays a pivotal role in collaborative programs, including the Neurotech Harbor initiative and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative's "Neurodegeneration Computational Fellows Program." Dr. Manaye's work has garnered recognition from countries such as Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Ghana for her research and leadership in study abroad research programs.

Dr. Kebreten Manaye is an accomplished and respected neuroscience and medical education figure. Dr. Manaye's career exemplifies a remarkable commitment to advancing medical research, education, and inclusivity in the scientific community. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on her field and have helped pave the way for future scientists, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds.

Dr. Manaye serves as Chair of the Department of Physiology at Howard University, making her the first black woman to hold this position. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, Sigma Xi, and ISTAART Alzheimer's Association, and she was recognized as a top Female Executive for her outstanding professional excellence and dedication.