

Increasing Racial & Ethnic Diversity in Cancer Clinical Trials

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) jointly released recommendations to engage the entire cancer clinical trial ecosystem in expanding the participation of underrepresented individuals in research that advances progress against cancer and increases the equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) of cancer clinical trials.

ASCO-ACCC Recommendations



IMPROVE ACCESS

Every person with cancer should have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials, as an integral component of high-quality cancer care.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Those designing or conducting trials should complete recurring education, training, and evaluation to demonstrate and maintain cross-cultural competencies, mitigation of bias, effective communication, and a commitment to achieving EDI in clinical trials.



EQUITY FOCUSED DESIGN

Trials should be designed with a focus on reducing barriers and enhancing EDI and work with sites to conduct clinical trials in ways that increase participation of underrepresented populations.



INVEST IN EDI

Research stakeholders should invest in programs and policies that increase EDI in clinical trials and in the research workforce.



PARTNERSHIPS

Clinical trial sponsors, researchers, and sites should form long-standing partnerships with patients, patient advocacy groups, and community leaders and groups.



SHARING DATA & STRATEGIES

Research stakeholders should collect and publish aggregate data on racial and ethnic diversity of trial participants when reporting the results of trials, programs, and interventions used to increase EDI.



CLINICAL TRIAL ECOSYSTEM

Active participation and collaboration of multiple stakeholders is fundamental to changing the infrastructure of cancer clinical trials and advancing EDI goals. Stakeholders include:

- ▶ Academic Medical Centers
- ▶ Non-Academic Clinical Practices
- ▶ Healthcare Organizations
- ▶ Research Sites
- ▶ Clinicians & Investigators
- ▶ Clinical & Research Staff
- ▶ Community Leaders & Groups
- ▶ Patients & Patient Advocates
- ▶ Trial Designers
- ▶ Trial Sponsors
- ▶ Contract Research Organizations
- ▶ Site Management Organizations

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