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Health Disparities Committee

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Health Disparities Committee Goals (NCORP)

- Promote health disparities research to improve cancer care and outcomes for underserved populations by:
 - Generating protocols to develop *interventional* concepts
 - Integrate secondary endpoints in NCORP trials and NRG Oncology treatment trials

Focus 1. Develop interventional studies to decrease health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities

Focus 2. Test interventional studies for optimal care of at risk elderly

Focus 3. Identify optimal access to cancer screening, treatment, symptom management and surveillance of rural populations



Health Disparities Committee Goals (NCTN)

- Increase accrual of underserved populations in NRG Oncology treatment and NCORP trials by:
 - *Removing barriers to enrollment of diverse participants*
 - Providing education, training, and support to investigators
 - Work to increase increased participation in NRG Oncology trials
 - Mentorship Program
 - Continued collaboration with NCTN groups to share resources
 - Promote increase diversity in NRG Oncology
 - Promote community engagement
 - Continued educational efforts





Committee Make-up

<u>Who:</u> Physicians, Nurses, Researchers, Advocates, Epidemiologists, Public Health Scientists, Surgeons, Health Service Researchers, Oncologists, Translational Cancer Researchers, Radiation Oncologists

<u>Where:</u> Montana, Texas, South Carolina, Michigan, North Carolina, Indiana, Mississippi, California, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona, New York, Florida, Oklahoma......

<u>What:</u> obesity, quality of life, fatigue, sexual health, Breast cancer, Gyn cancers, pain, geriatrics, palliative care, quality of care, health outcomes, clinical trial recruitment



Meeting overview

- Member Spotlight- Dr. Jennifer Griggs
- Clinical Trial Enrollment Updates
- HDC Special Interest Groups (SIG)
- Overview of Project to survey clinicians perceptions on sexual gender minorities





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