

April 13, 2021

Dear Interested Stakeholder:

Racial and ethnic disparities and biases are pervasive throughout the United States healthcare system and have profound, long-lasting impacts on the health and wellness of people of color. People of color are often underrepresented, or excluded, in clinical trials of medical devices and technologies. This lack of inclusion limits the ability to adequately study and develop devices and procedures for all patient populations that are intended to benefit from their use.

We all acknowledge that more diverse research is needed but how do we make that a reality?

Meharry Medical College and the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) are pleased to invite you to the workshop series **Improving Diversity in Clinical Trials: Defining the Gaps and Identifying the Opportunities**. This series will bring together interested stakeholders to identify tools and approaches that address the lack of diversity in clinical trials.

The workshops are designed to identify best practices and tools to engage with diverse patient communities and support clinical trial enrollment. The first workshop of the series will focus on the ethics and trust concerns that present challenges in recruiting diverse trial participants. The second will further the discussion to examine the importance of building networks to engage patients and promote the value of trial participation. The series will conclude with discussions of how to develop clinical trials in ways that are patient-centered, and which make participation feasible for more patients.

Date and times for the workshops are as follows:

- Workshop 1: Ethics, Trust, and Engagement: Addressing the Challenges of Clinical Trial Diversity (April 28, 3:30-5 pm ET)
- Workshop 2: Building Trusted Networks (May 19, 2:30-4 pm ET)
- Workshop 3: Addressing Diversity Through Patient Centered Trials (June 9 2-4 pm ET)

We want the dialogue shaping these discussions to represent an array of perspectives. As such we would be honored to have you or a representative from your organization participate in these discussions and invite you to participate in all or some of the workshops. Please register for the sessions using this [link](#). For your reference we have also included a draft agenda which identifies the themes for each workshop.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding registration at:
ddorsey@advamed.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DeChane Dorsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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