

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Environmental Scan of Pharmacist Engagement in Education, Research, and Service Activities to Advance Diversity in Clinical Trial Participants

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the AACP collection of activities aimed at advancing diversity in clinical trial participants?

The diversity of clinical trial participants does not reflect the population of the United States. AACP is aware of some activities at its member schools aimed at increasing diversity in clinical trials. Thus, AACP would like to take a purposeful scan of activities across the academy to develop a fuller picture of academic pharmacy's current activities related to diversity in clinical trials, and potential for future activities. The information collected will be used to create a public resource on pharmacy education and clinical trial diversity.

Why is AACP collecting information from its members on activities to increase diversity in clinical trials?

AACP conducted a preliminary scan of activities related to clinical trials and participant diversity to gather insights from select schools as part of a collaborative agreement with researchers from the Texas A&M University Irma Lerma Rangel School of Pharmacy funded by the Food and Drug Administration Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. The results of the preliminary scan are promising, highlighting the active participation of pharmacists in initiatives enhancing diversity in clinical trials. AACP is now seeking to learn about activities at all of its member schools related to clinical trial recruitment and diversity of clinical trial participants as part of our project, "Mobilizing a Pharmacy Advances Clinical Trials (PACT) Network and Community-based Organizations to Address Diversity in Clinical Trials," funded by Genentech and the Genentech Foundation Health Equity and Diversity in STEM Innovation Grant.

Information submitted will be analyzed by members of the project team, and insights from submitted activities and outcomes will be used to form the basis of a strategic framework for utilizing pharmacist-community partnerships to increase clinical trial diversity. The project team will also invite interested schools to participate in the PACT Network, as a forum to share good practices and promote collaboration related to diversity of clinical trial participants across pharmacy education.

What is considered an activity to increase diversity in clinical trials?

For the purposes of this information collected by AACP, an activity is broadly defined either as a collaboration, initiative, course, partnership, or program and can be in the area of advocacy, education, teaching, outreach, practice, research, and/or service. Activities of interest include those in which pharmacy faculty or pharmacists act as clinical trials investigators, trainers, or as partners with community organizations to promote clinical trials enrollment. This may include work with community pharmacists on clinical trials enrollment or research, as well as activities that train student pharmacists and pharmacists for these activities, research on the effectiveness of these activities or advocacy related to pharmacists' ability to perform these activities. Activities where pharmacists take part in training

programs related to clinical trials, specifically those focused on enrollment promotion to underrepresented groups, are also of interest.

What information is AACP collecting pertaining to activities to increase clinical trial diversity?

The following information will be collected for each activity:

- *Is the Activity Related to Research, Education, and/or Service?*
- *Date the Activity Started and Ended (or ongoing)*
- *Level of Activity Involvement/Reach [Select all that apply]*
- *Funding Source(s) [Select all that apply]*
- *Collaborator(s)/Partner(s) [Select all that apply]*
- *Brief Description of the Activity Addressing Diversity in Clinical Trials, Including Purpose/Goal (No more than 300 word)*
- *Intended Audience for the Activity [Select all that apply]*
- *Engagement/Communication Strategies Utilized in the Activity [Select all that apply]*
- *Barriers to Increasing Diversity in Clinical Trial Participants Addressed in the Activity [Select all that apply]*
- *If This Activity is Education/Training, Who Created and Presented/Administered the Education/Training?*
- *Metrics/Measurable Outcomes Collected*
- *Additional Information Regarding the Activity (No more than 500 words. Please include future plans, links to public information about the activity, and any other details you have not yet shared but would like to.)*
- *Point of Contact at the College or School of Pharmacy Regarding the Activity*

Sensitive or private information, such as student or patient data, should not be included in a submission. As the activities are submitted, collected and analyzed, members of the project team will determine the applicable categories of the activities.

How will AACP be collecting information from its members on the activities to increase clinical trial diversity?

AACP will be collecting information from its members on their activities to increase clinical trial diversity online via the website <https://www.aacp.org/form/pact-network-environmental-scan>. AACP encourages the administration, faculty, and staff at each institution to work collectively to ensure that all activities are reported and that each activity is reported only once. AACP staff will be monitoring information as it is submitted and will contact schools with any questions or comments regarding the submissions.

Will multiple activities to increase clinical trial diversity be accepted for a college or school of pharmacy?

Yes, multiple activities to increase diversity of clinical trial participants will be accepted for each college or school of pharmacy. In addition, more than one person from a college or school of pharmacy may submit an activity to increase clinical trial diversity. AACP encourages the administration, faculty, and staff at each institution to work collectively to ensure that all activities are reported and that each activity is reported only once. AACP staff will be monitoring information as it is submitted and will contact the school with any questions or comments regarding the submissions.

Must the college or school of pharmacy's activity to increase diversity in clinical trials be submitted by the CEO, Dean, or another part of the institution's administration?

No, the college or school of pharmacy's activity to increase diversity in clinical trials does not have to be submitted by the CEO, Dean, or another part of the institution's administration. Anyone from a college or school of pharmacy may submit one or more activities pertaining to this area. However, AACP

encourages the administration, faculty, and staff at each institution to work collectively to ensure that all activities are reported, and that each activity is reported only once. AACP staff will be monitoring information as it is submitted and will contact the submitter with any questions or comments regarding the submissions.

When will AACP be collecting information from its members on the activities to increase diversity of clinical trial participants?

AACP will be collecting information from its members on their activities to increase clinical trial diversity starting January 31, 2024. The collection of activities will run for one (1) month and will conclude on February 28, 2024.

What will AACP do with the information collected on activities to increase clinical trial diversity?

AACP will use the submitted activities to develop a strategic framework for community-based, pharmacist-patient partnerships to engage community leaders and organizers in clinical trials research. This framework will guide development of training materials for pharmacy faculty, community pharmacists and health workers seeking to increase clinical trial diversity. AACP will additionally identify member schools to invite to the PACT Network, building the core of the network around pharmacy faculty and community pharmacists experienced in clinical trials research and outreach to diverse communities. AACP also plans to share the information from the collected activities in an online database to:

- *Increase awareness of pharmacy's capacity to increase diversity of clinical trial participants.*
- *Share successful practices; and*
- *Encourage future partnerships and collaborations (within and external to academic pharmacy).*

What information regarding the collected activities will be made available to the public?

AACP anticipates that the following information will be available to AACP members:

- *Brief description of the activity relating to clinical trial diversity, including the purpose/goal of the activity (The description should be no more than 300 words. An activity may be a collaboration, initiative, course, partnership, or program. The description should include information about the role of pharmacy faculty or pharmacists in relation to increasing clinical trial diversity in the activity. An activity may be in the area of advocacy, education, teaching, outreach, practice, research, and/or service).*
- *Point of contact at the college or school and their email address.*

When will the collected activities be made available to AACP members?

AACP anticipates that the following information will be available to AACP members by the 3rd quarter of 2024:

- *Brief description of the activity relating to clinical trial diversity, including the purpose/goal of the activity (The description should be no more than 300 words. An activity may be a collaboration, initiative, course, partnership, or program. The description should include information about the role of pharmacy faculty or pharmacists in relation to increasing clinical trial diversity in the activity. An activity may be in the area of advocacy, education, teaching, outreach, practice, research, and/or service).*
- *Point of contact at the college or school and their email address.*

Who should be contacted with questions regarding the AACP collection of activities to increase clinical trial diversity?

Any questions regarding the AACP collection of activities to increase clinical trial diversity should be sent to pact@aacp.org. Several AACP staff members will have access to this email address and will strive to answer all inquiries within 2 business days.