

# **COMmmunity Mistrust and Institutional Trustworthiness to Advance Health Equity Research (COMMIT-EQ)**

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## **Project Summary**

Advancing health equity in COVID-19 clinical trials and related mitigation strategies requires activities informed by community guided research on barriers and factors as well as active and authentic partnerships with historically underrepresented communities. This study utilizes partnerships with Black or African American religious organizations, a community pharmacy, and a community advisory board to co-develop an equity-focused toolkit of practical strategies and resources to promote planning for incorporation of equity in clinical trial protocol development and implementation.

**Populations Served:** Black or African American

### **Goals/Aims:**

1. To delineate previously reported and emerging barriers and facilitators that impact health equity for Black or African American participation in COVID-19 clinical trials research.
2. To co-design health equity-focused principles that support community-engaged research partnerships to foster clinical trial enrollment and include community organizations, such as Black or African American churches, community pharmacies, and research-intensive institutions.
3. To co-develop a toolkit to facilitate equity-focused COVID-19 clinical trial research recruitment, retention, and implementation of protocols.

## **Publications/Abstracts/Posters, etc.**

- Manuscript in preparation.