

Hawai'i Health Equity Research and Outreach Network (Hawai'i HERON)

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Project Summary

The Hawai'i Health Equity Research and Outreach Network (HAWAI'I HERON) aims to address and reduce health disparities experienced by Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities and support the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity's three health equity pillars: equity of voices, equitable data efforts, and equity in clinical trials. Enrolling diverse populations leads to more accurate and generalizable trial results by enhancing and expanding our understanding of the safety and efficacy of investigational medical products. This is important for diseases such as diabetes that disproportionately affect the NHPI populations. This qualitative research study seeks to understand the barriers and facilitators to participation in clinical trials for patients who are Asian of Filipino descent, NHPI, and White.

Populations Served: Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White

Goals/Aims:

- To enhance equity of voices by 1) amplifying the voices of Asian and NHPI communities; 2) understanding diverse patient perspectives, preferences, and unmet needs; and 3) supporting expansion of culturally and linguistically tailored health education.
- To support equitable data efforts by expanding data availability to evaluate outcomes by race and ethnicity, geography, and other social determinants of health.
- To promote equity in clinical trials by 1) identifying barriers; 2) employing innovative strategies to increase clinical trial enrollment for Asian and NHPI communities; 3) understanding the impact of the evolving multicultural landscape on clinical trial participation; and 4) increasing training for diverse students and investigators.
- To examine facilitators and barriers to participation in clinical trials for Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islander, Asian, and White populations through in-depth patient interviews.

Publications/Abstracts/Posters, etc.

- Manuscript in preparation.