

Attitudes and Perspectives of Older Hispanic or Latino Adults on Participation in Clinical Trials for New Medical Therapies

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Project Summary

People self-identifying as Hispanic or Latino are a rapidly growing segment of both the total U.S. population and proportions of patients and older adults seeking medical care. However, participation of older adults self-described as Hispanic or Latino is amongst the lowest in clinical trials to investigate new medical therapies. There is evidence that Hispanic or Latino persons may respond differently to therapeutic agents due to both pharmacogenomic differences as well as environmental influences. If Hispanic or Latino patients are not participating in clinical trials to determine the safety and efficacy of new therapeutic agents, this presents a major gap in knowledge needed to use these therapeutic agents during clinical care. The overall goal of this study is to understand perceptions about research, evaluations of new medical therapies, and obstacles, facilitators, and priorities regarding participation, from older Hispanic or Latino adults that have been underrepresented in clinical trials to date. Focus groups will be conducted in Spanish or English with adults older than 65 years, self-identifying as Hispanic or Latino with multiple medical conditions and receiving polypharmacy to assess their attitudes and knowledge about research and clinical trial evaluations of new medical therapies, as well as perceived barriers and facilitators to participation viewpoints.

Populations Served: Hispanic or Latino

Goals/Aims:

- To identify challenges to participation in clinical trial evaluations of new medications faced by Hispanic or Latino adults older than 65 years.
- To identify potential facilitators for participation in clinical trial evaluations of new medications for Hispanic or Latino adults older than 65 years.

Publications/Abstracts/Posters, etc.

- Manuscript in preparation.