

Advancing Equity through the Alliance for Representative Clinical Trials (ARC): Program to Diversify and Bring Industry-Sponsored Trials to Underrepresented Communities

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Project Summary

The Alliance for Representative Clinical Trials (ARC) initiative, established by the National Minority Quality Forum, Inc., is a collaborative effort of community clinicians, including Federally Qualified Health Centers across the United States, aimed at diversifying and expanding clinical trials to racial and ethnic minority communities and other diverse communities. This collaborative effort aims at significantly increasing participation of and including racial and ethnic minority populations in clinical trials. ARC will support training racial and ethnic minority-serving community clinicians to serve as Principal Investigators (PIs) for clinical trials. Additionally, ARC will assist clinicians in enhancing their clinics to serve as clinical research sites. Clinicians will undergo comprehensive training in good clinical practice and human subjects research. ARC will further supplement ongoing education and access to resources for facilitating referrals to clinical trials. Upon completion of the training and evaluations provided by ARC, the newly trained clinicians will be equipped to conduct clinical trials within the Clinical Investigative Site Network (CISN), an established research site network.

Populations Served: Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino

Goals/Aims:

- Demonstrate that racial and ethnic minority-serving community clinicians can be trained to be PIs for clinical trials by providing them with support to become research investigators.
- Improve community clinic site infrastructure by providing upgrades (equipment, etc.) needed to enhance the clinician practices/clinics as clinical research sites.
- Establish an Evaluation Board in order to provide external evaluation of the proposed project with the purpose of strengthening ARC clinical research practices and processes.

Publications/Abstracts/Posters, etc.

- Manuscript in preparation.