

Diverse Participant Engagement Strategies

A checklist for sponsors, CROs and investigators on the four stages of clinical research

Priority setting

- Build relationships with communities of potential participants
- Ensure essential research questions are relevant to target population
- Ensure outcomes are relevant and meaningful to target population
- Incorporate participant voice in study decision-making

Study design

- Incorporate novel study designs that support diverse enrollment
- Implement review processes for informed consent and outcome measures
- Utilize social networks to aid in study recruitment

Conduct

- Create understandable, health literate study materials in languages relevant to target population
- Nurture patient and researcher/study team relationship

Dissemination

- Create understandable, health literate dissemination materials in languages relevant to target population
- Interpret study results for patients from diverse backgrounds
- Prioritize outreach to additional audiences
- Share results widely, considering all types of media outlets

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