In 2021, the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center of Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard (MRCT Center) convened a task force of 28 IRB and HRPP professionals to develop practical tools that IRBs/HRPPs could use or adapt to promote DEI of underrepresented populations in clinical research. The first available tools are the product of an iterative 18-month process of meetings, creation and revision of draft resources by the MRCT Center, and commentary and review by the taskforce. We feature three examples of tools from the IRB/HRPP DEI Toolkit.

- The HRPP Strategy to Address DEI provides a broad overview of the four elements necessary for a Plan of Action.
- The Incorporating DEI into Clinical Research Protocol Templates Overview, which highlights sections where DEI prompts can be added.
- The Checklist of Logistical and Procedural Considerations provides thinking prompts for IRBs/HRPPs to lower barriers to inclusion.

Scan the QR Code to get to the full list of tools developed.