

Methods in Clinical Research Workshop for Minority Physicians

- View a list of [invited faculty](#) [1] to the workshop.
- Interested attendees may complete an [application form](#) [2].
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Reducing Cancer Disparities Through the Training of a Diverse Workforce

Date:

March 13 - 15, 2014

Location:

Hyatt Regency Coral Gables
50 Alhambra Plaza
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Application Deadline:

November 30, 2013

Who Should Attend

Minority physicians and senior fellows in medical, hematologic, radiation, pediatric, surgical and gynecologic oncology. Faculty in the first five years of their academic appointments and those working full-time at an academic institution or practice with a track record of enrolling patients in cancer clinical trials may apply to participate in the workshop.

A First of its Kind Program in the Industry

In an effort to increase the number of minority investigators in clinical research, The Center for Drug Development and Clinical Trials at Roswell Park Cancer Institute will run a training program specifically tailored to minority physicians, with support from Eli Lilly and Company.

There are approximately 10,400 oncologists in the United States, but approximately 1 to 2 percent are African American and approximately 2 to 3 percent are Hispanic. The goal of this initiative is to train 75 to 150 oncologists in the conduct of clinical trials.



Providing patients with access to new and innovative therapies is one of the most crucial issues in oncology. But we can't provide that access fairly and uniformly unless we make sure investigators are informed about existing clinical trials and trained in how to run their own research studies. - [Alex A. Adjei, MD, PhD, FACP](#) [4], Workshop Director, Senior Vice President for Clinical Research and Director of the Center for Drug Development at Roswell Park

Learning Objectives

- Enhancing clinical research in minority and underserved populations through development of a cadre of well-trained minority investigators
- Educating participants about the principles of good clinical trial design and providing the necessary tools required to conduct trials that are relevant to minorities and under-represented populations
- Guiding participants to identify various challenges of clinical research, particularly in minority and underserved populations, and providing advice and education on how to overcome these challenges
- Providing ongoing mentorship to young minority investigators through career-long relationships with workshop faculty
- Reducing cancer health disparities through increased clinical research targeting minority and underserved populations

Workshop Components

1. **Didactic Lectures:** The didactic lectures will be presented by an [expert faculty](#) [1] and will address various aspects of clinical research including development and conduct of clinical trials, ethical, administrative and regulatory issues, and specific challenges of conducting clinical investigations in minority and underserved populations.
2. **Small Breakout Sessions:** In the small breakout sessions, each participating institution will have up to four members with one faculty facilitator. These sessions will allow time for specific discussion on individual proposals.
3. **Self-Study and Work:** Self-study and work will allow participants to complete their assignments, as they are expected to submit a final study concept at the end of the third day of the workshop.
4. **One-on-One Sessions:** These sessions will aim to provide specific advice to participants when they meet individually with the workshop faculty.

Workshop Preparation

Candidates accepted for the workshop should come prepared to develop the clinical research concept submitted with their [application](#) [2] into a complete clinical trial protocol during the course of the workshop.

Participants should bring their institution's protocol and informed consent templates if available, plus a draft of the background section of their protocol. A background literature review is required

as preparation for the workshop. Participants must also bring a laptop computer to the workshop to facilitate their completion of the daily assignments.

Workshop Expenses

Workshop participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses, meals and accommodations. Participants must use Lilly's global travel services provider to arrange for their travel expenses and hotel accommodations. Participants who book their travel and hotel accommodations independently will not be reimbursed.

Workshop Evaluation

The goal is to enhance the development of participants in their ability to carry out clinical research to ultimately improve patient care through improved clinical studies.

The outcome of the project will be evaluated by the following assessment tools:

- Applicant's assessment of the workshop's impact on their effectiveness to carry out clinical studies
- Development of the concept into a protocol that is activated for patient accrual
- Additional protocols developed by the workshop alumni
- Publication history

Application Requirements

Curriculum Vitae: Please submit a focused personal curriculum vitae (no more than 700 words). Please include educational qualifications and the institution where they were acquired and list any publications in a peer-reviewed scientific journal on which you appeared as an author.

Letter of Commitment: Submit a statement (no more than 300 words) explaining why you wish to participate in this workshop. Be sure that your statement provides the following information:

- Your area of training and date of completed training (if applicable)
- Your research background
- Why this workshop will assist in designing and conducting of the trial outlined in your protocol
- Your research goals for the next five years
- A commitment to participate in the long-term evaluation process of this workshop by responding to questionnaires when requested
- A commitment to make all reasonable efforts to conduct the study developed during the workshop

Letters of Support: Have your Program Supervisor or Department Head submit a statement in support of your application for this workshop. This statement should include the following information:

- Capacity and length of relationship with the applicant
- Assessment of the applicant's performance
- A commitment to enable the candidate to conduct the clinical trial protocol developed at the workshop (if possible) including confirmation of the feasibility of the trial to be conducted in the existing department

Concept Outline: The concept outline should be brief and include the following headings and word limits:

- Title (30 words or less)
 - Background (including topic of investigation, proposed intervention and rationale for trial) (300 words or less)
 - Study design and target population (300 words or less)
 - Outcomes (including primary and secondary outcomes used to evaluate intervention) (300 words or less)
 - Feasibility (including number of patients, site and length of trial) (300 words or less)
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- [1] <http://www.roswellpark.edu/education/diversity-clinical-research-workshop/faculty>
- [2] <http://www.roswellpark.edu/education/diversity-clinical-research-workshop/apply>
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