

NIMHD Health Literacy-Related Research Opportunities and Priorities

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NIMHD Mission

To lead scientific research to improve minority health and eliminate health disparities.

To accomplish this, NIMHD:

- Plans, reviews, coordinates, and evaluates all minority health and health disparities research and activities of the National Institutes of Health
- Conducts and supports research in minority health and health disparities
- Promotes and supports the training of a diverse research workforce
- Translates and disseminates research information
- Fosters innovative collaborations and partnerships

Health Disparity Populations

- OMB standards—minority racial/ethnic groups
 - African American or Black
 - Asian American (>30 countries)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Guam, Tonga)
 - Latino or Hispanic (20 countries)
- Poor (low income/education, wealth, social class)
- Rural geographic location
- Sexual and Gender Minority (SGMs)

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Social & Behavioral Research

- Social, behavioral, cultural, or environmental risk and protective factors related to the development of health conditions
- The impact of racism, discrimination, and segregation on health and health behavior and strategies to ameliorate these effects
- Use of health information technologies and/or social media to promote health
- Preventive or health improvement interventions in nonmedical organizational settings, such as schools or workplaces
- Preventive or health improvement interventions at the family, neighborhood, or community level
- **Promotion of health literacy at the community level**

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Health Services Research

- Potential for health information technologies to improve access to existing services
- Use of paraprofessionals or peer-led health services to supplement existing health care services
- Use of alternative or complementary medicine in conjunction with formal health care services
- Patient-provider communication patterns that affect health disparities
- Patient preferences regarding help-seeking, treatment options, and adherence

Funding Opportunities Relevant to Health Literacy

- Engaging Youth and Young Adults from Health Disparity Populations in the HIV Treatment Cascade (R01), [RFA-MD-16-003](#)
- Surgical Disparities Research (R01), [PAR-16-391](#)
- Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01), [PAR-16-221](#)
- Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01), [PAR-16-238](#)
- Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R01), [PA-16-188](#)
- The Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01), [PA-15-261](#)

Select Examples of NIMHD-Funded Research on Health Literacy

- **Health Literacy Disparities and Transition in Teens with Special Healthcare Needs Surgical Disparities Research**

R01, Chisolm, Nationwide Children's Hospital

- **Health Literacy Assessment and Intervention to Reduce Disparities: FLIGHT/VIDAS II**

R01, Ownby, Nova Southeastern University

- **American Samoa Indigenous Samoan Partnership to Initiate Research Excellence (INSPIRE) in Colorectal Cancer Health Literacy**

U24, Amoa, American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition

- **Supporting Decisions about Health Insurance to Improve Care for the Uninsured**

R01, Politi, Washington University

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