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Diversity in CNS Clinical Trials

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ISCTM Diversity-Related Sessions & Working Groups

- **2019 Comment on FDA Guidance** - Enhancing Diversity of Clinical Trial Populations - Eligibility Criteria, Enrollment Practices and Trial Designs (Hoffmeyer, Mahableshwarkar)
- **2020 Autumn Conference Social Hour** - Understanding and responding to diversity issues in clinical research methods (Mahmoud, Canuso)
- **2021 Autumn Conference** - Applications of Lessons Learned from 2020: Diversity in CNS clinical trials (Canuso, Sanacora, Starr)
- **2024 20th Annual Scientific Meeting** - Diversity in CNS Clinical Trials Working Group (Pratap, Ratcliffe)

Recent FDA Guidance

Enhancing the Diversity of Clinical Trial Populations — Eligibility Criteria, Enrollment Practices, and Trial Designs Guidance for Industry

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Diversity Plans to Improve Enrollment of Participants from Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Populations in Clinical Trials Guidance for Industry

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Postmarketing Approaches to Obtain Data on Populations Underrepresented in Clinical Trials for Drugs and Biological Products

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Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in Clinical Trials and Clinical Studies for FDA-Regulated Medical Products

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Diversity Plan in Clinical Studies Guidance

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..as soon as practicable during drug development but no later than when sponsor seeking feedback regarding pivotal trial(s) (e.i.EOP2)

Plan should include recommended elements

Disease Overview

Provide data on pathophysiology of disease or condition in underrepresented racial and ethnic populations.

Development Program Scope

Describe the planned trails/ studies that will support the medical product's safety, effectiveness and, if a drug, dosage in a future marketing submission.

Enrollment Goals

Define and provide justification for the planned enrollment of participants from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations.

Measurements to Achieve Goals

Provide detail of operational measures that will be implemented to enroll and retain underrepresented racial and ethnic participants.

Status of meeting enrollment goals

FDORA: Authority to Require Diversity Action Plans

*“Pertaining to the sponsor’s goals for clinical study enrollment, disaggregated by **age group, sex, and racial and ethnic** demographic characteristics of clinically relevant study populations, and may include characteristics such as **geographic location and socioeconomic status...**”* Section 3602, Food and Drug Omnibus Reform Act (FDORA) of 2022

Additional groups that could potentially be added:

- LGBTQIA+ inclusion - sexual orientation and gender identity
- Pregnancy & lactation
- Revised **Diversity Action Plan Guidance** is expected to be released in the coming days.
 - Update to the guidance will reflect learnings from diversity plan submissions with considerations for the stated groups above.
 - Criteria for assessing whether to grant a diversity action plan waiver.
 - Expected consistencies with April 2022 draft guidance include:
 - Diversity plan based on US prevalence/ incidence
 - Participation and analysis of data from subpopulations will be a source for useful information that pertains to the safety and effectiveness for product labeling.

What Is Needed To Ensure Diverse and Representative Trial Populations?

Increased Trust & Awareness Among Disproportionately Impacted Communities

Increased Screening, Enrollment & Retention of Diverse Participants

Diversified Site Footprint & De-Centralized Trials

Reduced Diversity Data Gap through Pre-Competitive Collaboration

Demonstrated Commercial Value of Health Equity

Strategic Planning Frameworks and Tools Adopted Across Industry