

Dialogue 7

Increasing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials: Can Decision Aids Help?

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Randomized clinical trials are the gold standard for evaluating medical interventions. Recruitment of patients into trials is often difficult, however, and slow trial accruals delay the assessment and introduction of new treatments and increase the cost of trials. One major concern is the under-representation of minorities in clinical trials. Decision aids have been widely and successfully used across a wide range of treatment and screening decisions to improve the valid consent process, but there is little research addressing the use of decision aids for clinical trial participation. This Dialogue will describe a UM team's proposal to develop and pilot-test such a decision aid for participation in clinical research.

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