

## **Translational Research and Health Disparities: The Nation's Imperative**

Historically, the National Institutes of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services has been the principal agency in the USA that provides support and conducts research to acquire new knowledge that will improve the overall quality of life, as well as the longevity of its citizens.

The support provided to conduct basic biomedical and clinical research are fundamental in achieving this objective. With the mapping of the human genome, more and more drugs are being developed that enables very targeted treatment of various diseases. However, as medical research advances, the impact of these advances have not had the same impact in some communities as compared to others. This was called to the nation's attention in dramatic fashion in the 1985 "U.S. Department of HHS Report of Secretary's (Heckler) Task Force on Black and Minority Health".

During this presentation the role of the discuss and in addressing the above referenced issue, as well as demographic data on disproportionate incident of diseases by ethnic groups as well some recommendations to correct the disproportionate incident will be provided.

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