

NCCN Foundation Young Investigator Awards Program

Guidance for Health Equity Applications to be Provided Within RFP to Member Institutions

Ideally, health equity research addresses at-risk, vulnerable, or underrepresented populations. This could include a variety of categories, including elderly, adolescent/young adult, LGBTQ+, ethnic and racial minorities, rural, and those in a lower socioeconomic level, and others. We are also looking for ways to address barriers, increase access, increase adherence to guidelines and standards of care, improving outcomes...basically inviting marginalized populations into the conversation and the evidence.

1. Interventional trials:
 - a. Therapeutic trials in at-risk or vulnerable populations exploring the role of FDA-approved and investigational agents or devices to treat cancer or its effects
 - b. Non-therapeutic interventional trials in at-risk or vulnerable populations to address the impact of cancer or its effects (i.e. behavior, social, psychologic, practical, or other interventions targeting patients, survivors, caregivers, health care providers)
 - c. Health promotion or health outcomes interventions targeting at-risk or vulnerable populations
2. Quality Improvement projects to address access, disparities and inequities in cancer care
 - a. Establishment and implementation of best practices
 - b. Guideline/pathway concordance
 - c. Use of real-world evidence to explore guideline concordance
 - d. Interventions to improve adherence to established guidelines
3. Health Equity initiatives
 - a. Evaluation of issues and barriers related to social determinants of health, demographics, access, clinical trial enrollment, guideline concordance
 - b. Interventions to address disparities related to access, clinical trials, guideline concordance
4. Health Information Technology and Delivery to address access, equity, and disparities in cancer care
 - a. Use of novel platforms or delivery systems
 - b. Telehealth application and use
 - c. EHR-based interventions for oncology care needs