



# NEF CTaTS

Northeast Florida Clinical Trials and Translational Science Consortium



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## WHO WE ARE

### Northeast Florida Clinical Trials and Translational Science Consortium

The NEF-CTaTS Consortium was established in 2022 to address healthcare disparities in Northeast Florida by increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in biomedical clinical trials. Under the visionary leadership of a dedicated team of physicians and academic scientists, we are creating partnerships to enhance racial and ethnic diversity of clinical trials. To date, we have secured a partnership with Mayo Clinic Florida.

The NEF-CTaTS Consortium is administratively supported by the Northeast Florida Medical Society Foundation (NEFMSF), the 503B arm of Northeast Florida Medical Society (NEFMS). NEFMS is an affiliate of the Florida State Medical Association and the National Medical Association, the oldest and largest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients. We invite you to learn more about our goals to be involved and improve our health.



### Our Vision

Our vision is to develop a community engaged “Clinical Trials and Translational Science Consortium” based on the priorities of underrepresented communities in Northeast Florida. The consortium will foster unique collaborations supported by research infrastructure and other resources to eliminate disparities, leveraging the resources of other consortium institutions and organizations as well as the expertise of all consortium members.



### Our Goals

Our goal is to address health disparities experienced by minority and underserved communities in Northeast Florida. Specifically, the NEF-CTaTS Consortium will improve health outcomes by eliminating barriers to cancer trials and relevant clinical research opportunities for people of color.

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*Diverse communities continue to be underrepresented in medical research and clinical trials among other racial/ethnic minorities.*

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## WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

Minorities continue to be underrepresented in medical research and clinical trials. The 1993 Revitalization Act of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) mandated all federal grants for clinical research include women and minorities in research trials. However, current evidence suggest that community engagement strategies are critical to addressing the long-standing lack of diversity in clinical trials.

Several historical barriers have led to low participation rates among minorities in clinical trials. These barriers include:

- Factors related to the clinical trial – such as clinical trial design and eligibility
- Factors related to patients – such as access to health care, trust of medical providers or the lack of clinical trial information
- Factors related to health systems – such as lack of appropriate incentives to participate, implicit biases or lack of policies to enforce diversity

The NEF-CTaTS Consortium is committed to developing strategies to mitigate these barriers to clinical trial participation and to addressing the long-lived health disparities faced by minoritized members of the local community.

*The mistrust of medical research and the healthcare system is real. We understand. It is now up to us to be involved and improve healthcare for ourselves, our families, and our community.*



## GET INVOLVED

Would you like to help improve your health and the health of our community?

### Ways To Get Involved

#### Medical Professionals

1. **Join the NEF-CTaTS Consortium** if you are a medical professional and want to help.
2. **Understand why** people in our community are hesitant to participate in research and share what you learn with us.
3. **Talk to others** about clinical trials.

#### Individuals

1. **Talk to your doctor** if you would like to participate in a clinic trial.
2. **Contact the NEF-CTaTS Consortium** for more information about clinical trials and translational science.
3. **Join the NEF-CTaTS Consortium** as an outreach volunteer to help us change perceptions and engage more people in our community in medical research.
4. **Join our community** activities and events to stay active and learn more.



**TOGETHER, LET'S IMPROVE OUR HEALTH. JOIN OUR NEF-CTaTS COMMUNITY.**