



Gender and Ethnicity Representation in Health Research

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Scope:	This Policy applies to all clinical research studies, which include biomedical and behavioral studies of the etiology, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of diseases, disorders, or conditions involving human subjects which are conducted, sponsored, or administered by the University of California.

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I. POLICY SUMMARY

It is the policy of the University of California that its health research as a whole, to the extent possible, be conducted so that the findings will be relevant to all persons at risk

for the diseases, disorders, or conditions studied; and when possible and applicable, that minorities and women be included in studies of diseases, disorders, and conditions that disproportionately affect them.

II. DEFINITIONS

Not applicable

III. POLICY TEXT

The University administers certain health research programs such as the Universitywide AIDS Research Program and the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program.

Proposals submitted to these contain a description of the proposed study population that includes information on its gender and ethnic composition, together with a rationale for the selection of this study population. Such a rationale might include, for example, the purposes of the research or consideration of the health of the subjects. Peer review panels for such special health research programs should consider the appropriateness of the composition of the research populations.

These University-administered health programs also are encouraged to provide opportunities for funding research projects relevant to diseases, disorders, or other health conditions of relevant to minorities and women.

IV. COMPLIANCE/RESPONSIBILITIES

The University of California also complies with the federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects that governs selection of research subjects and with National Institutes of Health policy regarding gender and ethnic representation in research populations.

V. PROCEDURES

Not applicable

VI. RELATED INFORMATION

National Institutes of Health gender and ethnic representation

U.C. Policy on the Protection of Human Subjects

VII. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Not applicable

VIII. REVISION HISTORY

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