

Strategies for Equitable Access to Cancer Clinical Trials

Roundtable Speakers

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Dr. Guerra's research has focused on developing and evaluating interventions to increase the participation of underserved populations in cancer screenings and cancer clinical trials. Dr. Guerra co-chaired two the American Society of Clinical Oncology-Association of Community Cancer Centers workgroups that developed "Just Ask," an unconscious bias training specifically for cancer research teams; a site self-assessment to identify best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion; and the ASCO-ACCC joint research statement Increasing Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Cancer Clinical Trials. She also is member of the American Cancer Society (ACS) National Board of Directors and a member of the ACS Clinical Guidelines Development group. Dr. Guerra is an author of the ACS colorectal, cervical and HPV clinical practice guidelines which widely influence clinical practice.

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Dr. Schpero studies Medicaid and the health care safety net in the United States. Through his research, he aims to identify policy levers to address racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health and health care. In past work, he has studied the drivers of waste in the U.S. health care system and analyzed the effect of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

His research has appeared in a number of academic journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, and *Health Affairs*. It has been featured by Bloomberg, CNBC, Politico, *The Washington Post*, and other news outlets.

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