

# NIMHD Perspectives on Tobacco Related Health Disparities

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# Tobacco Related Disparities

- **Overall lower prevalence rates by race/ethnicity but men smoke at higher rate in California**
- **Light and non-daily smoking is the new paradigm — not addiction**
- **Cessation interventions lacking**
- **Second-hand smoke exposure affects Blacks and poor disproportionately**
- **Biological factors affect lung cancer**



# Cigarette Smoking in the U.S. – 2013

## National Health Interview Survey

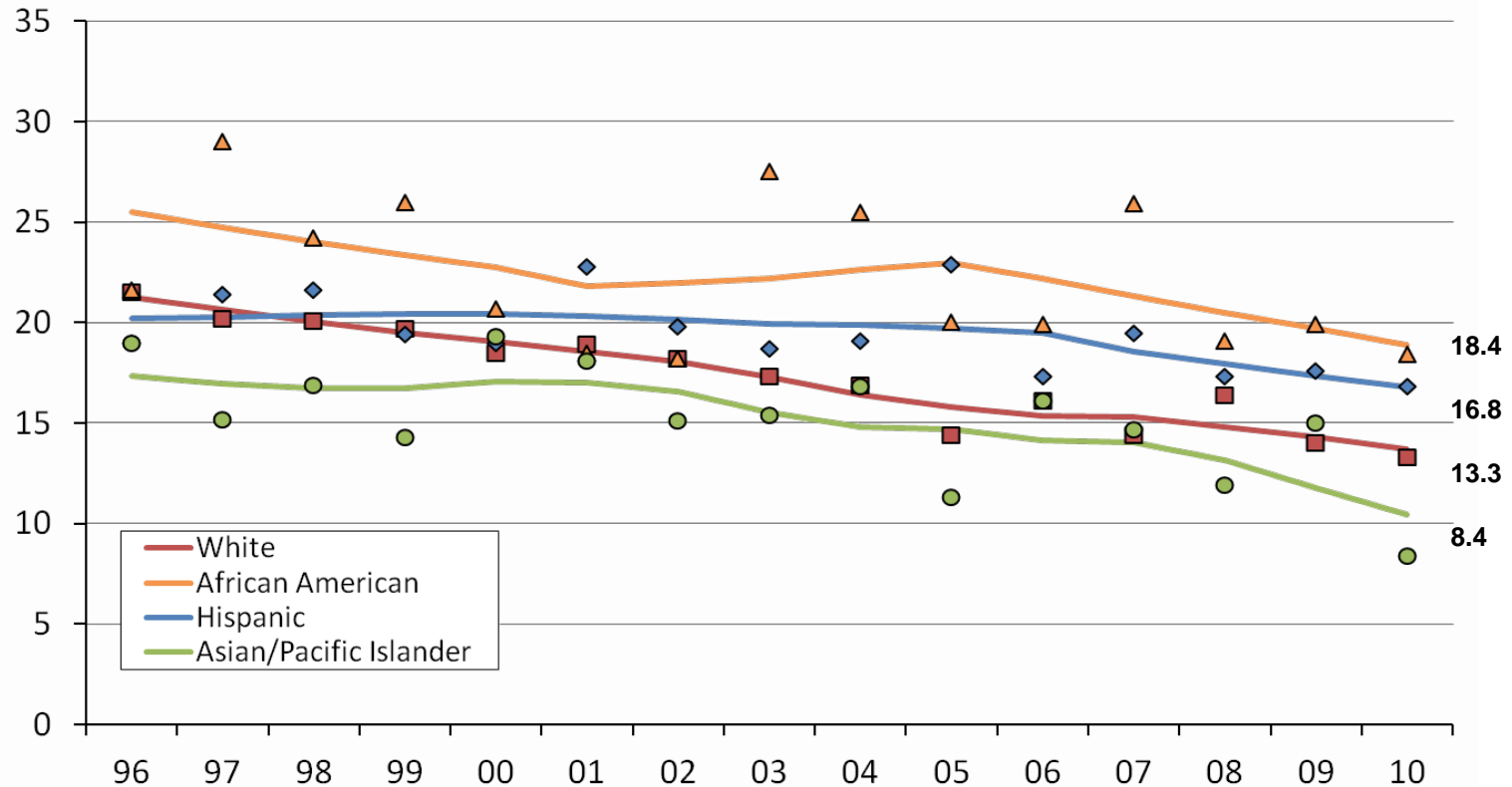
	<b>% Men</b>	<b>% Women</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>African Am</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>Latino</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Asian</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Am Ind/AN</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>22.0</b>
<b>Multi-racial</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>24.8</b>
<b>8 years or less</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>9-11 yrs school</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>GED</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>39.7</b>
<b>High School diplo</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>17.6</b>
<b>College degree</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>

MMWR 2014;63:1108-1112



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# Smoking Prevalence Among California Men By Race/Ethnicity, 1994-2010



BRFSS and California Adult Tobacco Survey data are combined for 1993-2010. The data are weighted to the 2000 California population. California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Control Program.



# Cigarette Smoking Rates, Daily and Some Days, Study of Latinos, 2009

*Kaplan RC, Am J Prev Med 2014; 46:496-506*

<b><i>National Origin</i></b>	<b><i>Men (6532)</i></b> <b>16.9% / 9.9%</b>	<b><i>Women (9790)</i></b> <b>10.7% / 5.8%</b>
<b>Cuban</b>	<b>26.2% / 4.9%</b>	<b>18.2% / 3.7%</b>
<b>Puerto Rican</b>	<b>27.0% / 9.0%</b>	<b>24.2% / 7.4%</b>
<b>Dominican</b>	<b>8.8% / 2.3%</b>	<b>7.5% / 4.3%</b>
<b>Mexican</b>	<b>10.3% / 15.5%</b>	<b>4.4% / 6.2%</b>
<b>Central Am</b>	<b>12.1% / 9.8%</b>	<b>5.0% / 3.3%</b>



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# Light and Non-Daily Smokers Tobacco Use Supplement, CPS, 2003

	<b>% Current</b>	<b>% Non-Daily / 1-5</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>17/ 5</b>
<b>African Am</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>24/12</b>
<b>Latino</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>35/18</b>
<b>Asian/PI</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>30/14</b>

*Trinidad D, et al, NTR, 2009; 11:203-210*



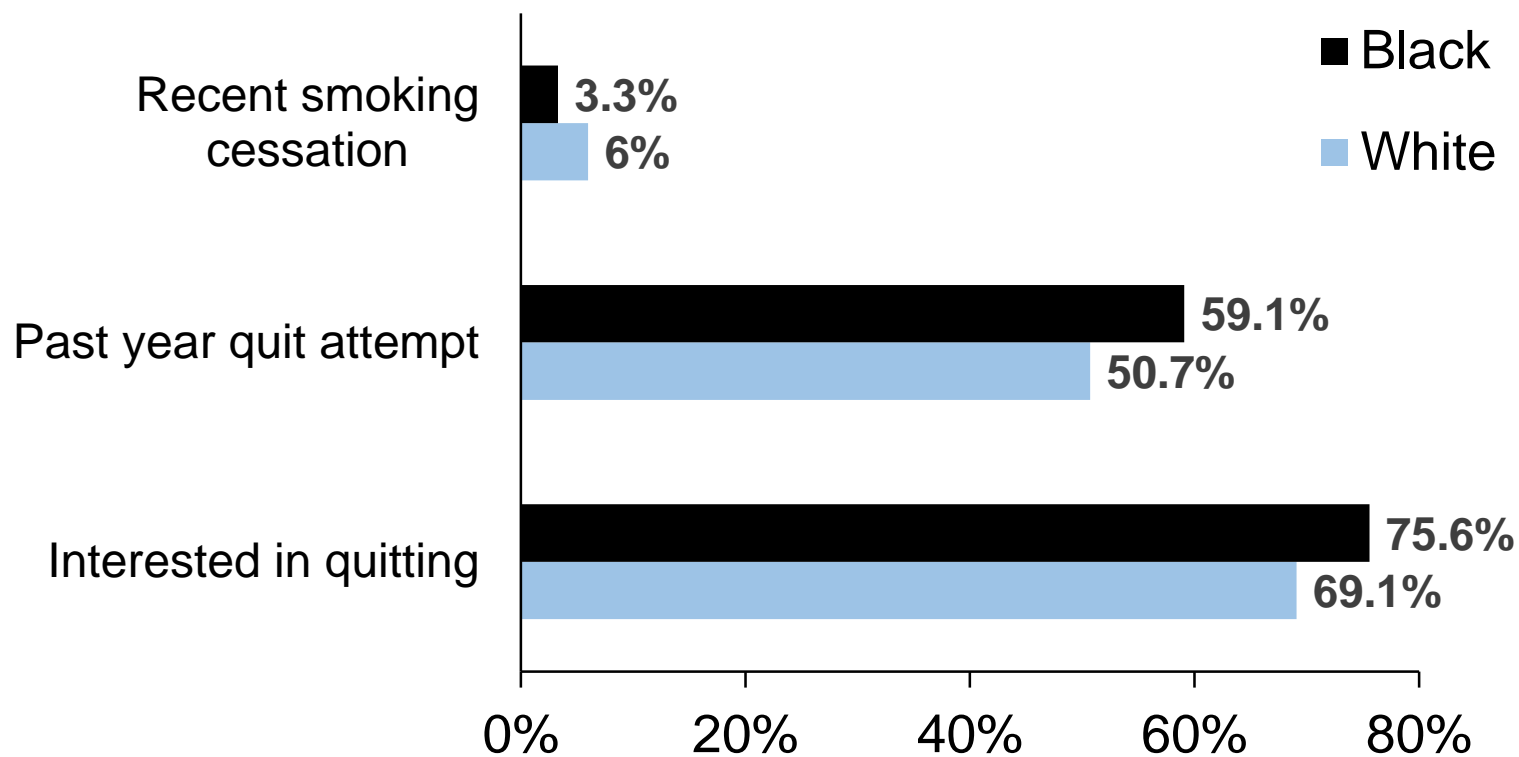
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# Light and Non-Daily Smokers Tobacco Use Supplement CPS, 2003

- **Smoke average 11.7 days / month**
- **Younger, more educated, women**
- **Smoke an average of 3.7 cigarettes on days they do smoke**
- **Cigarettes per month metric?**
- **Daily smokers averaged 10.8 cigarettes per day**



# African American Smokers Show Greater Nicotine Dependence



National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2010



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# Smoking Cessation Patterns

- **Light smoking has not translated to more success in cessation**
- **Complete home smoking bans more common among Latinos and Asians and less common among African Americans**
- **Less frequent use of NRT**
- **No difference in advice by clinicians**



# Home Smoking Bans in US Households with Children and Smokers

*Tobacco Use Supplement, Am J Prev Med 2011; 41: 559-65*

	<b>1992-1993</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Asian/PI</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>65.9%</b>
<b>Whites</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>African Am</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>32.8%</b>
<b>Latinos</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>72.2%</b>
<b>HS Grad or &lt;</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>42%</b>



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# Pharmacological Treatment of Smoking Cessation

- **Almost all RCT data in studies with Whites**
- **No published drug trials with Asian/PI and 2 NRT studies with Latinos**
- **6 trials with African Americans: NRT and bupropion are effective**
- **Dependence measures predicted success in African Americans**
- **Smokers of mentholated cigarettes were less successful at quitting**



# Tomando Control 3

*1000 randomized smokers with 70% follow-up*

12 month quit rates by Condition

<b>Guia alone</b>	<b>19.8%</b>
<b>Guia + ITEM</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
<b>Guia + ITEM + MM</b>	<b>20.7%</b>
<b>Guia + ITEM + MM + VG</b>	<b>22.7%</b>

<http://stopsmoking.ucsf.edu>

**Randomized Smoking Cessation Trial on the Web**

*Muñoz RF, et al. Nicotine and Tobacco Research, 2009*



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# Questions in Cessation Research

- **Tailoring messages by race/ethnicity: What is the evidence that cultural tailoring works?**
- **Smoking reduction as an intermediate outcome —incremental change?**
- **Serious quit attempt (24 h) as mediating outcome associated with quitting**
- **Recruitment of diverse samples to cessation intervention trials needed**

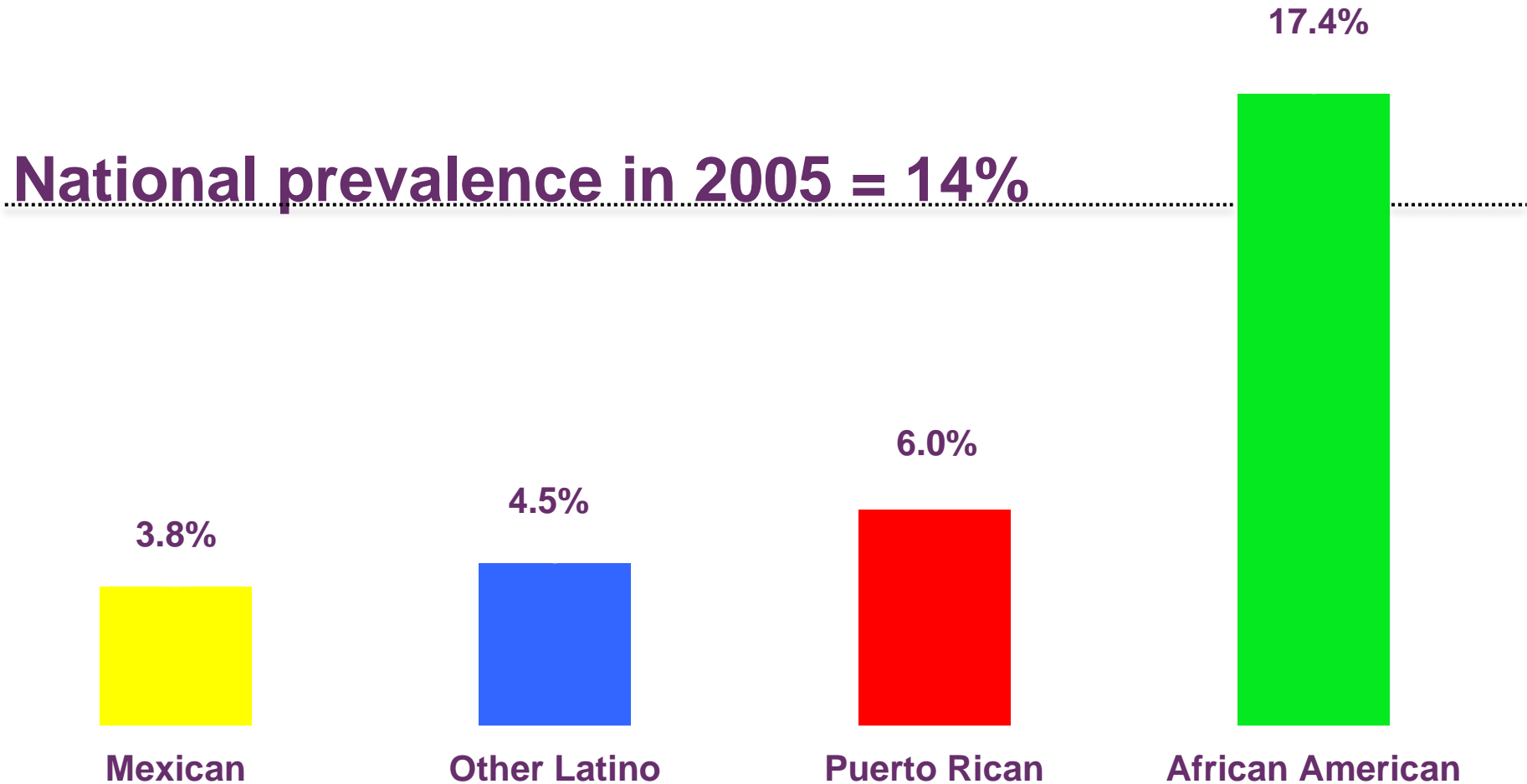


# Variance in the Cessation Paradigm?

- **Light smokers are less dependent on nicotine**
- **Non-daily smokers are not addicted**
- **Pharmacological treatment needs to be modified for these smokers**
- **Adapt behavioral interventions directed at light smokers for use in self-help, internet and quit line**



# Maternal Smoking by Race/Ethnicity



# SHS Exposure in California

California Health Interview Survey, 2005-2007; California Tobacco Surveys, 2002-2005; Public Health Reports 2012; 127: 81-88

	<b>At Home</b>	<b>At Work</b>
<b>Total adults</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
<b>Latinos</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
<b>Whites</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
<b>African Am</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Asian/PI</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	R/E: 1.9, 4.1, <b>11.2</b> , 3.3
<b>Adolescents</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	R/E: 3.3, 5.1, <b>11.8</b> , 3.8



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# SHS Exposure: % Non-smokers with cotinine $\geq$ 0.05 ng/ml

	1999-2000	2007-2008
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>40.1</b>
<b>Age 3 to 11</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>53.6</b>
<b>Whites</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>40.1</b>
<b>African Am</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>55.9</b>
<b>Mexican Am</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>36.7</b>
<b>Below poverty</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>60.5</b>



# Optimal Serum Cotinine for Distinguishing Smokers and Nonsmokers

- **NHANES: 13,078 nonsmokers and 3,078 smokers; based on ROC curves**
- **Whites: 5.92 ng/ml**
- **African Americans: 4.85 ng/ml**
- **Mexican Americans: 0.84 ng/ml**
- **Overall cut point is 3.08 ng/ml; 96% sensitivity and 97% specificity**
- **14 ng/ml underestimates smokers**

Benowitz N, Am J Epidemiol, November 19, 2008



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# Nicotine Metabolism in Blacks, Whites, Chinese and Latinos

- **Metabolic clearance of nicotine & cotinine in Latinos was similar to Whites, higher among Blacks and lower among Chinese**
- **Intake of nicotine (mg) per cigarette:**
  - **Chinese: 0.73**
  - **Latinos: 1.05**
  - **Whites: 1.10**
  - **Blacks: 1.41**
- **Nicotine intake = tobacco smoke**

*JAMA 1999 280:152-156; JNCI 2002; 94:108-115*

# Lung Cancer Incidence by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

	White	African American	Latino	Asian/PI
<b>Women</b>				
Lung	52.7	50.8	25.1	28.5
<b>Men</b>				
Lung	70.3	90.9	37.9	49.0

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These rates are per 100,000 population and are based on cases diagnosed in 2008-2012 from 17 SEER geographic areas.



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# Multiethnic Cohort Study: Lung Cancer by Smoking Intensity

- **183,813 African Americans, Japanese Americans, Latinos, Native Hawaiians, Whites; age 45 - 75, in California and Hawaii**
- **1979 cases lung cancer, from SEER, 1993-2001; 1135 in men**
- **African Americans as referent group**
- **Stratify by smoking intensity**
- **Relative risk of lung cancer by race/ethnicity within smoking level**

*Haiman CA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2006;354(4):333-42*



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# Relative Risk of Lung Cancer by Ethnicity and Smoking Intensity

Cigs/d	Af Am	Hawaii	Latino	Japan	White
1-9	1.0	0.88	<i>0.21</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.45</i>
11-20	1.0	0.90	<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.57</i>
21-30	1.0	0.93	<i>0.61</i>	<i>0.61</i>	<i>0.73</i>
31+	1.0	0.95	0.79	0.75	0.82

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# Possible Explanations

- **Genetic factors linked to African ancestry**
- **Genetic-Environmental factors triggered by tobacco carcinogens**
- **Metabolism differences lead to greater intake of carcinogens despite similar CPD intensity**
- **Mentholated brands**
- **Smoking topography**
- **Protective factors for other groups**



# National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities

**Mission is to lead scientific research improve minority health and health disparities**

- **Plans, coordinates, reviews and evaluates NIH minority health and health disparities research**
- **Conducts and supports research in minority health and health disparities**
- **Supports training of a diverse research workforce**
- **Translates and disseminates research information**
- **Fosters innovative collaborations and partnerships**



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# NIMHD Strategy to Advance the Science of Health Disparities

- **Define Minority Health and Health Disparities distinctively in order to:**
  - scientifically investigate the health of race/ethnic minority groups
  - better design projects to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged groups
- **Ensure the best scientific strategies to address minority health and health disparities are included in the NIH and NIMHD strategic planning process**



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# Minority Health Research Activity Strategies

- **Understand the etiology of adverse health outcomes associated with a particular racial/ethnic group**
- **Understand mechanisms of beneficial health outcomes within a particular race/ethnic group**
- **Define mechanisms of interaction of social, behavioral, biological and clinical factors that determine health disparities outcomes**
- **Develop/test interventions to improve the health status and reduce health disparities in target conditions**
- **Develop a diverse workforce that can conduct biomedical research in all areas of science**
- **Engage under-represented populations to participate in clinical research and Precision Medicine Initiative**



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# NIMHD Definition of Health Disparities

- **A health disparity is defined as a health difference in a clinical outcome that adversely affects disadvantaged populations based on one or more of the health determinants**
- **Health Disparities Research is a multi-disciplinary field of study devoted to gaining greater scientific knowledge about the influence of health determinants, and translating this knowledge into interventions to reduce health disparities and promote health equity**



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# Health Disparities Research Activity Strategies

- **Identify health disparity based on the health outcomes**
- **Understand the etiology of the health disparity with respect to social, behavioral, environmental, and biological determinants**
- **Develop and test interventions to reduce disparities**
- **Establish the science of health disparities, including identifying methodologies, metrics, and tools to conduct research**
- **Train a workforce in health disparities methodologies**
- **Improve strategies for data management by developing a common taxonomy and creating data sharing platforms**
- **Facilitate the implementation of promising practices**



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# Health Disparity Populations

## OMB standards – Minority Racial/Ethnic Classification

## Other Populations with Health Disparities

(2012 Health Disparities Report AHRQ)

- **Poor (low income)**
- **Rural**
- **Urban**
- **Sexual and Gender Minorities (SGM)**
- **Child and Adolescent Health**
- **Immigrant and Migrant**
- **Special Needs: Disabled, Chronic Care, End-of-life, Medically Underserved, Disadvantaged**



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# Next Generation of Health Disparities Research

- **When does the difference in health indicators shift to a health disparity?**
- **What are the social determinants that interact with the environment and biology to create the health disparity?**
- **Why do differences exist in transitions to a disparity by populations?**
- **How and where does one intervene?**
- **What defines better health outcomes among traditionally disadvantaged groups?**



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# NIMHD Agenda on Tobacco Research

- **Address SHS exposure differences**
- **Cessation paradigm needs to adapt to light and non-daily smokers**
- **Generate evidence on cessation interventions in diverse samples**
- **Biological pathways to define addiction and identify why lung cancer differs**
- **Community-based and real clinical settings needed**



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