Health Disparities Research for a Healthier US-Caribbean

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Leveraging Partnerships to Drive Global Health Disparities Research

The USA CARIBBEAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH (USCAHDR) PROGRAM

- Innovative Partnership
- The Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions (SATHP)
- The University of the West Indies (UWI)
- USCAHDR’s Vision of Success

USProll’s program to reduce health disparities globally: to lessen existing health disparities reduction knowledge gap; building effective partnerships to develop global health data; investing in value-added capacity building with global partners

USCAHDR Program Goals

- To conduct epidemiological research to ascertain similarities and differences among English-speaking US and Caribbean populations of African descent
- To explore how this research knowledge advances current understanding of the relationships among health determinants—history, accident, health practices, lifestyles and health disparities in the US and the Caribbean

Specific Aims:

- To build a synergistic, public-private SA-UW consortium
- To conduct research on the role of social determinants in determining health status among Caribbean and US populations
- To establish a global health disparities E-Platform that adds content-value to the UWI and SA-platforms and disseminates research materials globally

Health Disparities Research

- Build US Caribbean Health Disparities Research Partnerships
- Lessen Caribbean Health Knowledge Gap
- Generate New Caribbean Health Disparities Knowledge
- Disseminate Research: USCAHDR E-Platform

Published Articles to Date

- Disabilities in diabetes mellitus among Caribbean populations: a scoping review
- International Journal for Equity in Health (2015) 14:23
- Cause-of-Death Disparities in the African Diaspora: Exploring Differences Among Shared-Heritage Populations
- American Journal of Public Health
- Published online ahead of print April 23, 2015. e1-48

USCAHDR Website:

http://www.uscahdr.org

Research Areas

- Cardiovascular Disease: Hypertension-Heart Disease-Stroke
- Mental Health
- Diabetes Research
- Depression Research
- Asthma – COPD Research
- US-Caribbean Analysis Program
- US-Caribbean Analysis Program Datasets

E-Platform (www.uwiuscahdr.org)

- Events, Data, Profiles, Research, Publications
- Human Subjects Protection
- Training: Ethical and Legal Issues in Global Health Research
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) Requirements for Reviewing International Projects
- Information Consent for International Health Disparities Research
- Changes in Conducting Multi-Center Global Health Research
- Conflict of Interest
- Protection of Vulnerable Populations

Shared Vision

Expected Outcomes

- A novel, sustainable US – Caribbean global health research laboratory
- A research program facilitating ongoing global health disparity reduction research knowledge transfer to and from the USA and the Caribbean
- Peer-reviewed research publications that:
  - Identify “gaps” in the current knowledge base of health status in African-American and Caribbean populations
  - Clarify emerging demographics showing increases in non-communicable, chronic diseases in the Caribbean
  - Inform global health research scientists about disparities demographics among Caribbean and US populations

A value-added E-Platform that builds research infrastructure at the UWI and the Sullivan Alliance and disseminates research information globally

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