



NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE (NBCI)

BLACK CHURCH CLINICAL CZAR POSITION DESCRIPTION

"The Office of the Black Church Clinical Czar for the National Black Church Initiative offers an important platform for empowering Black and Latino medical scientific clinicians to speak on matters of science and health affecting the Black Church and our 109 million constituents."

- Rev. Anthony Evans, President

PROPOSED BY
REV. ANTHONY EVANS
PRESIDENT





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NATIONAL CLINICAL TRIALS STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

NBCI is ushering in a new era of broadened engagement of Black and Latino communities in clinical trials. Particularly given the unethical and illegal behaviors involved with the Tuskegee Experiment and the intentional absence or lack of critical information for the involved subjects by governmental officials, the NBCI comprehensive approach utilizes important lessons learned from this historic medical abuse and ALL others experienced within Black and Latino communities for generating robust communication, demonstration, and education strategies toward substantially improving clinical trial participation.



GENERAL OVERVIEW

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is launching an innovative, science-based Clinical Trials Strategic Plan to promote clinical trials among traditionally underrepresented groups of African Americans and Latino. Increasing the involvement of African Americans and Latinos within clinical trials serves as a conduit for improving the long-term effectiveness of medical prescriptions and treatments to combat leading chronic diseases (i.e. COVID, cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes).

The NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan is a comprehensive program poised to enhance understanding, education, and participation of African Americans and Latinos and usher in a new era concerning the disproportionate representation of African Americans and Latinos in clinical trials. Particularly given documented medical abuses of African Americans involved in the historic Tuskegee Experiment, the NCBI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan engages access to 27.7 million African Americans and Latinos with integrity, confidentiality, and health standards-based protocols.



NATIONALLY-RENOWNED, EXPERIENCED LEADER

The NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan requires a nationally-renowned, experienced leader as the NBCI Black Church Clinical Czar to implement a robust effort to engage traditionally underrepresented groups toward understanding, educating, and participating in the use of clinical trials.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NBCI CLINICAL TRIALS STRATEGIC PLAN

The overarching goal of the NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan is to increase the number of African Americans and Latinos participating in clinical trials involving leading chronic diseases throughout the United States.

Three main objectives have been identified to implement the comprehensive goal:

1. Collect medical historical data on African Americans and Latinos who comprise NBCI constituencies.
2. Create broad-based educational clinical trials program among our 150,000 churches and online platforms, including social media.
3. Cultivate the health knowledge and understanding of African Americans and Latinos through experts in the field and partners from the National Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association.



THE ROLE OF THE BLACK CHURCH CLINICAL CZAR



An important component of the NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan is to appoint a dedicated Black Church Clinical Czar on behalf of NBCI and the constituencies served. This position will be approved and granted by the 37 major Black Protestant denominations with the support of major Latino faith leaders and churches.

The Office of the NBCI Black Church Clinical Czar will provide our diversified membership with the scientific and medical leadership concerning racial health disparities and the importance of clinical trials. As the chief spokesperson, the NBCI Black Church Clinical Czar offers knowledge and expertise to inform, influence, and thereby empower its 109 million membership of traditionally underrepresented African American and Latino communities with crucial medical education toward overall improved health and wellness.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BLACK CHURCH CLINICAL CZAR

The responsibilities of the Black Church Clinical Czar are as follows:

- Leads as the visionary and innovative Chief Medical and Scientific Officer for African American and Latino church members who comprise NBCI constituencies for the National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan.
 - Represents NBCI and African American and Latino churches to the Office of the Black Church Clinical Czar, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other major scientific federal and non-profit health entities both private and public.
 - Represents NBCI and African American and Latino churches as the Chief Medical and Scientific Officer to the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), the PhRMA trade association, and the leadership of the congressional delegation of U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, including pertinent leadership in the White House.

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- Represents NBCI and African American and Latino churches as the primary spokesperson for communicating critical issues with the White House, other federal institutions, major pharmaceutical companies and associations, congressional staff, etc.
- Develops the blueprint concerning the scientific leadership of increasing African Americans and Latinos for clinical trials and utilizing the foundational goal and subsequent objectives of NBCI's National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan.
- Provides expert knowledge on the health priorities, strategies, methodologies, and health models to be employed in the Black and Latino communities based on states with a high percentage of chronic diseases.
- Establishes the scientific and medical agenda for the African American and Latino communities with the participation of the National Clinical Strategic Task Force, four major historic African American medical schools, the National Medical Association, the National Hispanic Medical Association, the National Black Nurses Association, and the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.
- Formulates an equitable, non-biased health policy to maintain engagement with African American and Latino communities for understanding, education, and participation in clinical trials.

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- Works in concert with the NBCI National Clinical Strategic Task Force (NCS) consisting of seven (7) African American and Latino physicians and clinicians who will serve as the clinical czar's scientific team and cabinet.
 - NCS will help the Clinical Czar shape the messaging, programs, initiatives, and health policies for the entire black community focused on the faith community. These individuals will come from the National Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association.
- Other duties as assigned to advance the NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

The Black Church Clinical Czar will have a Ph.D. or M.D. with extensive executive and national leadership and practical experiences within health and/or related medical field.

POSITION APPOINTMENTS

The Black Church Clinical Czar will be able to make the following five (5) appointments with brief positional descriptions:

Deputy Clinical Czar: Occupied by a member of a traditionally underrepresented group, the Deputy Clinical Czar serves as a liaison between the different Latino constituent groups and the NBCI National Clinical Strategic Plan to ensure the implementation of the initiative is being executed properly as well as offering any other necessary support as needed by the Black Church Clinical Czar. A minimum of a Ph.D. or M.D. is required with aligning work experiences.

Physician Writer: Prepares all written communication out of the office of the Black Church Clinical Czar. A minimum of a MD is required with aligning work experiences.

Federal and Congressional Affairs Officer: Engages in examining national and congressional policies and related issues affecting the implementation of the NBCI National Clinical Trials Strategic Plan and will maintain communication with other congressional officers or public policy advocates. A minimum of a MA or MS is required with aligning work experiences.

POSITION APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Chief of Staff: Offers programmatic expertise and management to ensure the timely delivery of documents and other deliverables unique to the initiative. A minimum of a MA or MS is required with aligning work experiences.

Administrative Assistant: Provides administrative and clerical support to facilitate day-to-day demands of the NCBI National Clinical Strategic Plan. A minimum of a BA or BS is required with aligning work experiences.

The Black Church Clinical Czar along with designated NBCI personnel will work together to more closely outline the positional appointments with the blueprint as crafted by the Black Church Clinical Czar.

POSITION LOCATION

NBCI will establish an office space for Black Church Clinical Czar and their respective staff in downtown Washington, D.C.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino Churches with 27.7 million members working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. The NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to its members and the public.

Originally from Savannah, Georgia, Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI, earned a bachelor's degree in Religion in 1981 from Middlebury College in Vermont. He was ordained in 1982 and went on to earn a master's in divinity in 1988 from Howard University School of Divinity. Shortly after earning his Masters, Rev. Evans became President of the National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) and has devoted his expertise to leading the organization for the past twenty-five years. Rev. Evans works tirelessly on social, medical, and economic justice issues facing the black faith community.

