



CTSI Integrating Special Populations Webinars

Apr. 26, 2021, 12 - 1 p.m.

Upcoming Sessions:

Subsequent webinars will draw on BMC/BUSM researchers who have expertise in working with vulnerable subjects. They will present the best practices that they have implemented to provide special protections for these research subjects.

Session 4: Improving Research for People with Low English Proficiency

Presented by Michael K. Paasche-Orlow, MD, MA, MPH, Sarah L. Kimball, MD, Glory Ruiz, MD, & Michael Berhe

The goal of this series is to provide an understanding of the ethical background, regulatory knowledge and models of best practices for conducting research when the participants represent special populations and vulnerable subjects.

This session will address a broad array of topics relating to research participation for people with low English proficiency (LEP). Language barriers can influence the whole continuum of the research experience from recruitment and consent through the wholeresearch protocol, adverse events, and all research communications. We aim to instill renewed attention and enthusiasm about including LEP participants in a manner that is trustworthy, safe, and compassionate.

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Speakers

Michael K. Paasche-Orlow, MD, MA, MPH
Professor, Medicine
(BUSM)



Michael Paasche-Orlow, Professor of Medicine, Associate Chief of General Internal Medicine for Research, Department of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center. Dr. Paasche-Orlow is a primary care clinician and a nationally recognized expert in the field of health literacy. With over 200 peer-reviewed papers, his work has brought attention to the role that health literacy plays in racial and ethnic disparities, improving informed consent, and improving advanced care planning, as well as to the fact that appropriately designed information technologies can be empowering for patients with low health literacy. Dr. Paasche-Orlow is the Editor-in-Chief for Health Literacy Research and Practice and is the Director of the Health Literacy Annual Research Conference for the past 12 years. Dr. Paasche-Orlow serves as a member of the Health Literacy Roundtable for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. He is the PI of multiple grants and leads the Primary Care Academic Fellowship Program (T32).

Sarah L. Kimball, MD
Director, Immigrant & Refugee
Health Center (BMC)
Assist. Professor (BUSM)



Dr. Kimball has expertise in immigration-informed medical care, where she has helped to research and build health systems that are responsive to the needs of im/migrant patients. She is currently the Director of the Immigrant & Refugee Health Center (IRHC) at Boston Medical Center, a comprehensive medical home that addresses the barriers that immigrants face to being holistically healthy. She has served previously as the Medical Director of the Boston Accountable Care Organization (BACO) Complex Care Management (CCM) program at Boston Medical Center. In addition to a love of primary care, Dr. Kimball's main interest is in teaching social justice and advocacy skills. She is an associate editor at the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, with an expertise in Health Services Research. She was a founding member of the Society of Refugee Health Providers and serves as the co-Chair of the Research, Evaluation, and Ethics Committee.

Glory Ruiz, MD
Director, Public Health
Programs (BMC)



Glory is a trained medical professional and healthcare manager with experience in ambulatory, research, and clinical care operations and initiatives across BMC, specifically in the areas of administration, personnel, grant management, fiscal management, strategic planning, and quality improvement. She has special expertise and interest in disenfranchised populations and health care disparities, such as those impacting individuals who are at high risk of acquiring or are affected by HIV/STD/HCV/TB/COVID, addiction, and homelessness. Glory has also served in several medical missions in the US and internationally.

Michael Berhe
Interpreter (BMC)

Michael Berhe is the Amharic and Tigrinya interpreter for Boston Medical Center. He is widely regarded as an extremely dedicated and effective interpreter.