

# NCI and TReND Special Journal on Smoking Interventions Among Priority Populations

## *Call for Abstracts*

Dear Colleague:

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) in collaboration with the Tobacco Research Network on Disparities (TReND) is currently under negotiations to sponsor a special journal issue on the topic of smoking interventions among priority populations to help advance our understanding of tobacco-related health disparities. Tobacco use is not equally distributed within societies, but substantively patterned by social factors, including social class, race/ethnicity, and gender. This differential patterning of tobacco use is reflected along the entire tobacco use continuum, including tobacco use initiation, current use, number of cigarettes smoked per day, cessation, relapse, level of dependence, and psychosocial resources. For example, the smoking cessation gap is widening between White American women compared to African American women. Smoking cessation disparities have been linked to tobacco related disparities in morbidity and mortality in underserved populations. A deeper understanding of the efficacy of evidence-based prevention and treatment and related issues is essential to reducing and eliminating tobacco-related health disparities.

This special issue responds to a critical need to address smoking prevention and cessation interventions among tobacco-related health disparate and underserved populations. This special issue will include empirical and conceptual/theoretical papers, as well as manuscripts related to measurement and evaluation, and retention and recruitment issues that focus on smoking prevention and cessation interventions among disparate and underserved populations. Smoking cessation interventions may include pharmacological, behavioral, or those that utilize methods from complementary/alternative medicine. Populations may include, but are not limited to: racial/ethnic minority groups, low socioeconomic status groups, as well as the intersection between these groups.

Because of your expertise in tobacco-related health disparities and/or smoking prevention and cessation interventions, we invite you to submit an abstract that addresses a topic or area of focus outlined above. If you and/or members of your research team would like to author or co-author a manuscript for this special issue, please send a brief abstract for review by November 2, 2009 to Dr. Anita Fernander at [afern2@uky.edu](mailto:afern2@uky.edu). The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should include the following sections: title, background, purpose/objectives, and study design/methods. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified no later than November 20, 2009 and will be invited to submit a manuscript for peer review. Manuscripts submissions will be due by March 1, 2010. The internal review team will provide feedback to the authors prior to the journal's standard peer review process. Final papers will be due to the journal on a date to be announced.

We hope the papers included in this special journal issue will inform policy and practice related to smoking cessation prevention and intervention programs in underserved and disparate populations, and will also stimulate additional research in the field. If you have any questions regarding the special issue, please contact the Associate Editor, Dr. Anita Fernander. We look forward to your submission.

Sincerely,

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