LGBTQ+ diversity in clinical trials
Cancer Support Community

OVERVIEW: LGBTQIA+ communities and gender minorities are underrepresented in cancer clinical trials and often face barriers such as mistrust and lack of information about access to trials. This initiative provides accessible resources for these populations on access to clinical trials and on how to request information about clinical trials from health care providers.

Objectives: To provide accessible information and resources for LGBTQIA+ communities and gender minorities on access to cancer clinical trials. To combat medical mistrust. To educate HCPs to help them build good relationships with this patient community

Unmet needs addressed:
• There is a lack of diversity within cancer clinical trials, as LGBTQIA+ communities and gender minorities continue to be underrepresented

Key components:
• Digital educational tool (booklet) covering information on the barriers, access, cost, disparities, and needs of LGBTQIA+ communities in relation to participation in cancer clinical trials

Challenges: Condensing a high volume of rich information into a concise booklet addressing LGBTQIA+ access to clinical trial information and enrolment as well as highlighting health inequalities and concerns about trials

Outcomes: Since its publication, the booklet has been downloaded, accessed online, or ordered more than 400 times, has reached over 3,000 webpage views for the program, and garnered more than 1,000 social media impressions. Further dissemination and promotional efforts through local network partners and social media are ongoing.

Development: The educational tool was developed in collaboration with the National LGBT Cancer Network. A multi-stakeholder advisory board was convened to discuss and align on key topics to include in the tool. The project was sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb

Cost: >€30,000

Timeline: The tool was completed and published in December 2022

Targeted to reach: >300

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