



COMPREHENSIVE
CANCER CENTER

New Mexico Cancer Research Alliance (NMCRA)

A STATEWIDE CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH NETWORK SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

SUPPORTING THE NM MINORITY-UNDERSERVED NCORP PROGRAM



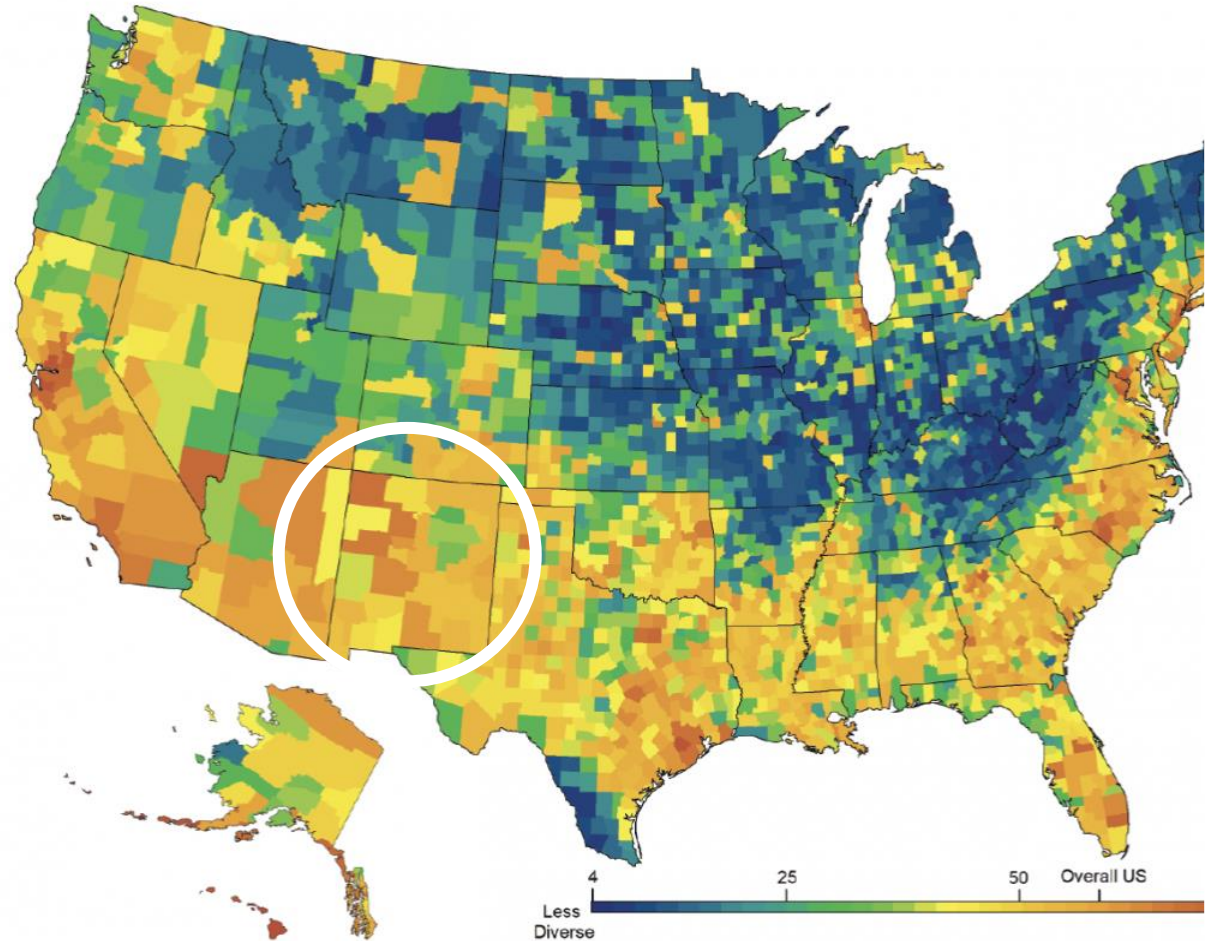
How to Deliver Clinical Trials to our State's Diverse Population

National US population:

- 60.4% Non-Hispanic White
- ~50% female

New Mexico Population:

- 49% Hispanic/Latino/a/x
- 37% non-Hispanic White
- 11% American Indian, Native American
- 2.6% Black/African-American
- 0.4% and growing Asian



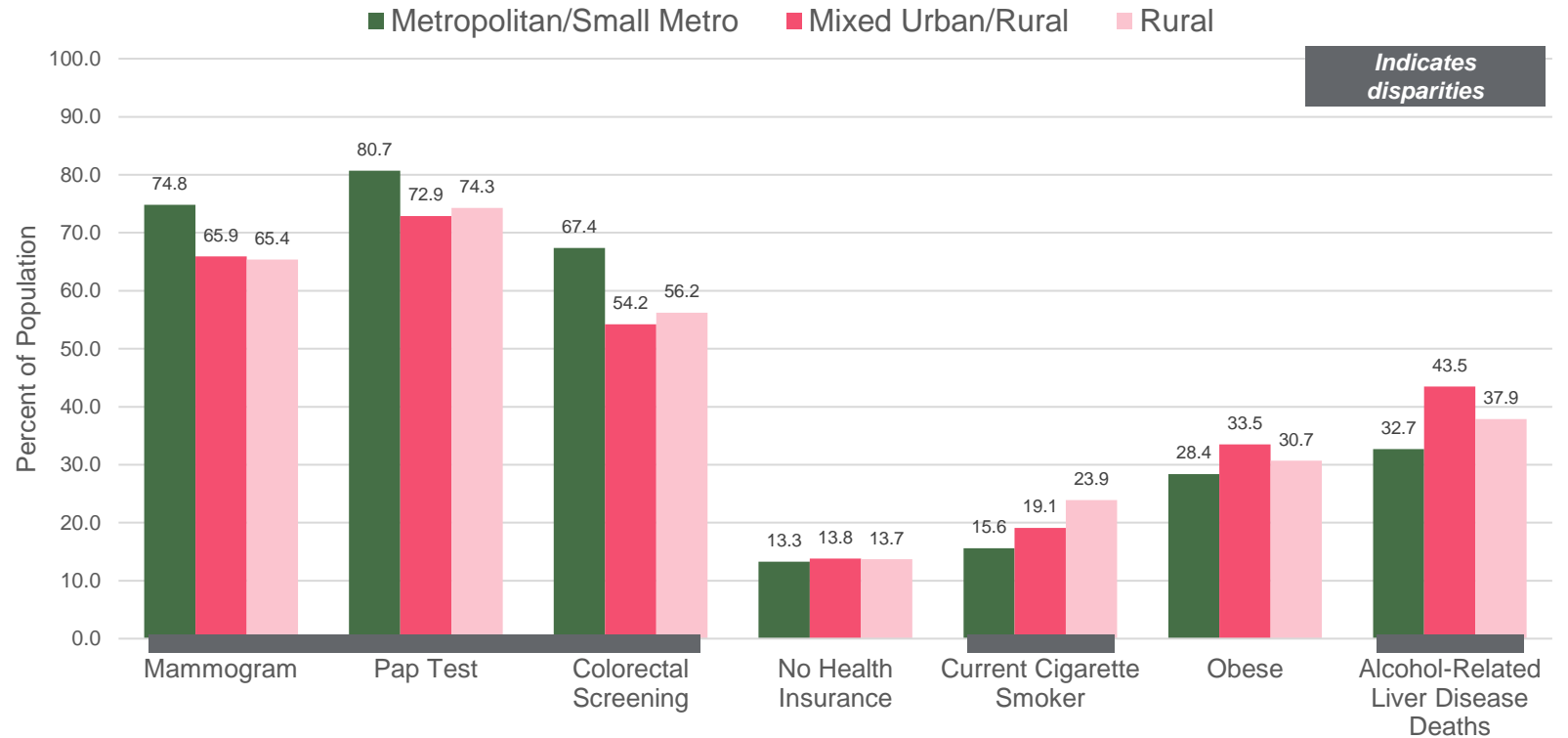
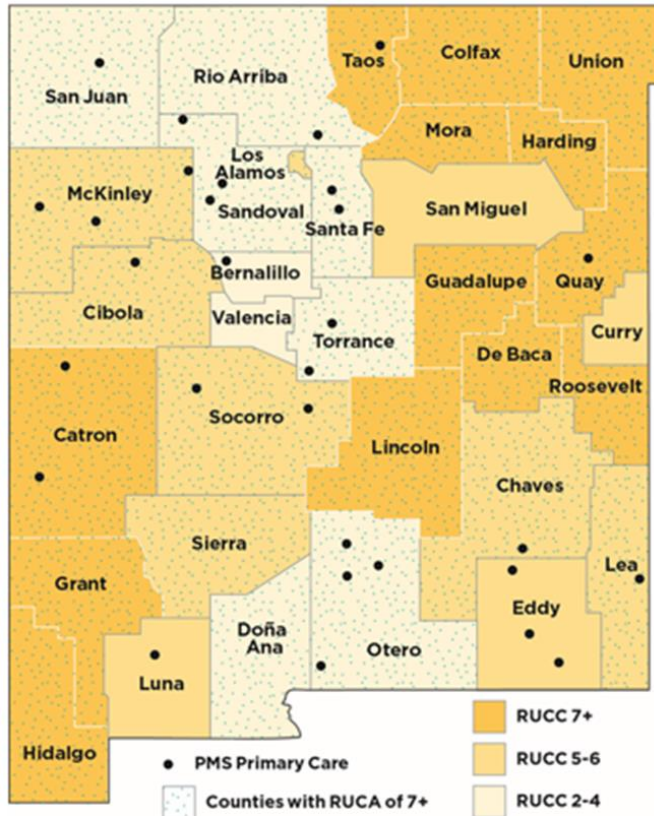
5th largest land mass – 2.1 million people

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 2019. Analysis: K.M. Johnson, Carsey School, UNH

New Mexico: Majority Minority State

Rural New Mexico

In NM, 26/33 Counties are designated rural. Rural residents have unique healthcare and cancer disparities.



DISPARITIES

- Higher poverty rate in rural NM
- Cancer screening rates are lower for rural residents
- Rural residents have higher behavioral risk related deaths; barriers to care

How to Deliver Clinical Trials: Public-Private Collaboration: Common Mission



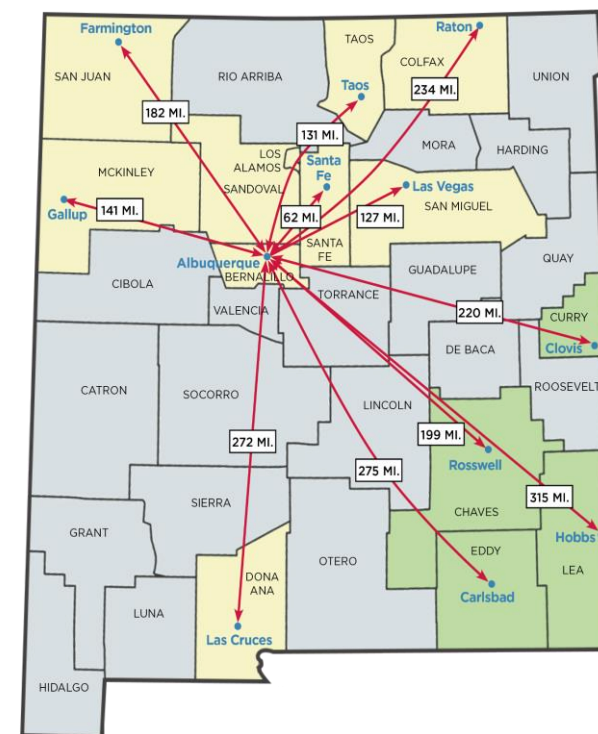
Patients Treated in Fiscal Year 2023	In State: 14,612	Out of State: 293	Total: 14,905
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Formed One of the Nation's First Statewide Collaborative Clinical Trials Networks in 2003 (NMCCC – rebranded 2022 NMCRA)

- Engages UNM and 5 Community-based Health Systems; >85% of NM's Practicing Community Oncologists
- Provides Access to New Therapies to > 85% of NM Patients
- 2003-2023 – practice and health system evolution, modernize for study complexity

NCI Funds Awarded for Network / Access to NCI Trials

- **2003:** Minority-based CCOP
- **2014:** Minority-Underserved Community Oncology Program Grant (U01CA189856)
- **Investigator –Initiated Trials (NCI CCSG)**
- **Pharma / Precision Medicine**



NMCRA Consortium Partners

- Presbyterian Health Systems
- Lovelace Health Systems
- Memorial Medical Center
- Veterans Administration
- Christus St. Vincents
- NEXUS Health Systems

New Mexico Cancer Research Alliance – Mission



The New Mexico Cancer Research Alliance is organized to provide New Mexico cancer patients, their families, and all New Mexicans access to the latest clinical trials and other cancer related clinical research in prevention, screening, detection, diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, surveillance and cancer care delivery *in a culturally competent manner through collaboration among public and private healthcare providers*; and to have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of these purposes.

New Mexico Cancer Research Alliance – Sustainability



Challenges

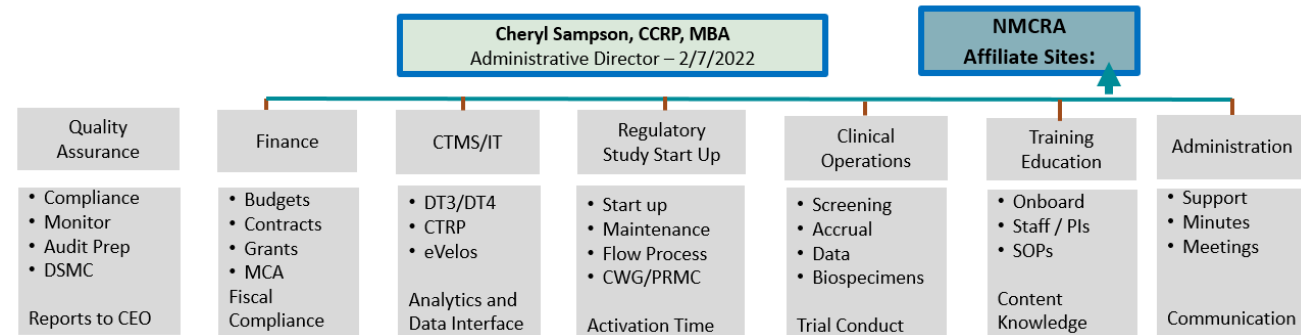
- Health systems ownership / CEO
- Financial health, prioritization of research
- Staffing; candidate pools
- Leadership and stakeholder engagement
- MD pressures, RVU demands
- Engagement of non-oncology practices



1/18/2023, 5:30 PM: Community co-lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Heme Precision Medicine	7/19/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Rad Onc Precision Medicine
2/15/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: GI Newly Approved Trials	8/16/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Breast Newly Approved Trials
3/15/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Gyn Onc Precision Medicine	9/20/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Heme Tumor Registry
4/19/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Peds/AYA Tumor Registry	10/18/2023, 5:30 PM: Community lead: Dr. Adler Guest CWG: Lung Precision Medicine
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6/21/2023, 5:30 PM: NMCRA in Person Retreat!	

Interactions

- Annual scientific retreat (*CCDR education*)
- Monthly virtual COWG
- Modernized Participation Agreement
- Centralized services (regulatory, QA, Finance)
- All-site representation (teams)
- BOD quarterly, strategic planning





How to Optimize the Partnership?

Mission Driven – Common Goals

Incentivize Organizations – Different Goals (pub vs pvt):

cancer delivery, screening, implementation science

Community Advocates, Health Care Consumers

Centralize Education, Training and Career Pathways

Equitable Pay and Clinical Research Career Growth

Ease Practice and Process – Bi-directional (Just-in-time)

Expand infrastructure to Pharma – recognize consortium

Other Ideas (Discussion)