# Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

# GEOGRAPHIC MANAGEMENT OF CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM (GMaP)

### **GMaP** Overview

The Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP), initiated in 2009, is a national program of regional, disparities-based hubs or networks for cancer health disparities research, diversity training, and community education/outreach.

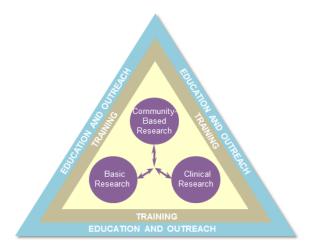
Employing a systematic and comprehensive geographic-based strategy, GMaP is unique in bringing together investigators/researchers, particularly those working in cancer health disparities and underrepresented investigators, underrepresented trainees, community health educators, and community members to work together to share information, resources, and tools; enhance access to underrepresented investigators and trainees to career and professional development opportunities; and strengthen region-based community education and outreach efforts that contribute to achieving GMaP goals.

## **GMaP Goals**

The goals of GMaP are to contribute to the science of cancer and cancer health disparities and advance the next generation of competitive, underrepresented cancer and cancer health disparities investigators.

## **GMaP** Objectives

- Create opportunities for scientific exchange, cooperation, and collaboration among cancer and cancer health disparities researchers.
- Attract underrepresented students, trainees/ acholars, and investigators to the biomedical cancer enterprise.
- Enhance access of underrepresented students, trainees and scholars to career development and mentoring opportunities.
- Increase cancer information dissemination and best practice sharing among researchers and trainees/scholars.
- Build strong relationships with NON community health educators (CHEs).



GMaP is a regional strategy to build critical "hubs" for support and efficient management of cancer health disparities research, training, and education/outreach programs.

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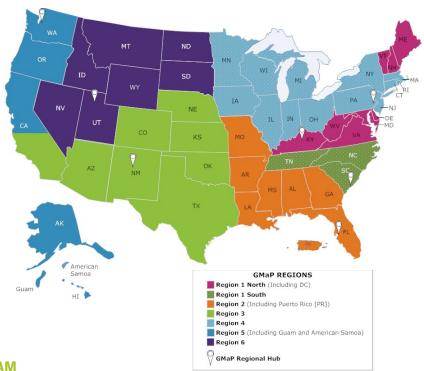
#### WHERE WE WORK

#### **Current GMaP Locations**

Housed at leading NCI-Designated Cancer Centers, regional GMaP networks provide the infrastructure and technical expertise to foster state-of the-science cancer research and training for diverse scientists at partnering institutions, among which are some of the leading cancer research centers in the country.

# **Future Expansion**

Regional GMaP networks are working to partner with more cancer research centers and NCI and NIH flagship programs housed at numerous institutions within and across the regions.



## **JOIN THE TEAM**

## Benefits of GMaP Collaboration

- Collaborative cancer and cancer health disparities research studies
- Increased partnerships and faculty participation in research
- Enhancements to diversity training, including smoother transitioning of students/trainees in cancer and cancer health disparities research
- Increased access to shared resources, tools, and cancer information
- Better strategies of community engagement by all partners
- Improved participation in clinical trials and biospecimen efforts
- Expanded capacity to address the gaps in cancer disparities research specific to each community

## Get Involved

Identify and contact the GMaP Regional Coordinating Director (RCD) for your region at http://crchd.cancer.gov.

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## Regional Hubs

Region 1 North Markey Cancer Center

Region 1 South Hollings Cancer Center

Region 2 Moffitt Cancer Center

Region 3 UNM Cancer Center

Region 4 Fox Chase Cancer Center

Region 5 Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Region 6 Huntsman Cancer Institute

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