

TReND

Tobacco Research Network on Disparities

TReND mission

To eliminate tobacco-related health disparities through transdisciplinary research that advances the science, translates that scientific knowledge into practice, and informs public policy.

Despite scientific progress to document tobacco-related health disparities, many questions remain about their causes and how they cluster within and across population groups. Moreover, little is known about the ways in which tobacco use and its health effects lead to health disparities. These gaps in knowledge led the National Cancer Institute and the American Legacy Foundation to create TReND.

By design, TReND includes researchers from a wide range of academic disciplines. TReND stimulates new studies, challenges existing paradigms, addresses significant gaps in research on understudied and underserved populations, and works collaboratively to devise new solutions to address tobacco use and exposure and health disparities.

TReND goals

- Generate new ideas and research projects focusing on tobacco and health disparities.
- Encourage collaboration among researchers representing multiple research disciplines.
- Establish mechanisms to effectively translate the science, communicate the results, and interact with other networks and community advocacy groups.
- Promote the development of junior investigators and the participation of senior researchers in health disparities research.

TReND principles

- Transdisciplinary approach
- Promotion of tobacco-related disparities research
- Stimulation and integration of tobacco-related disparities research within broader research paradigms
- Knowledge translation and dissemination
- Commitment to diversity

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