

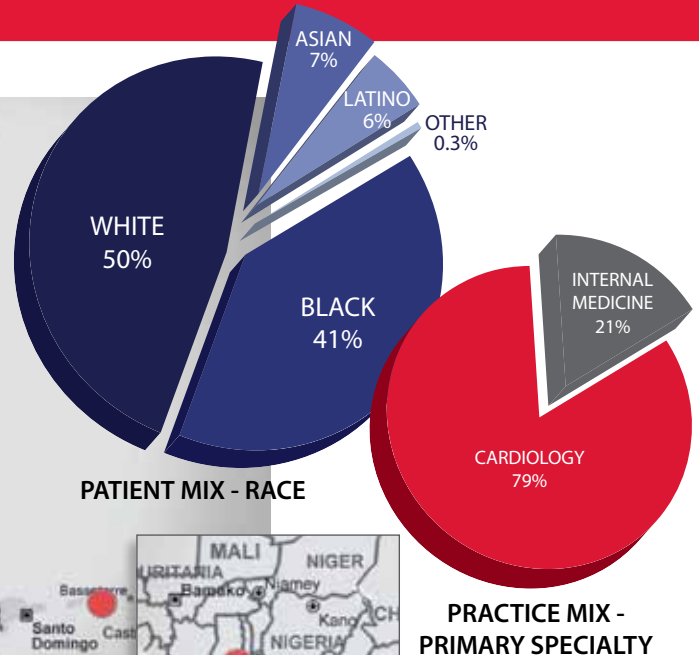
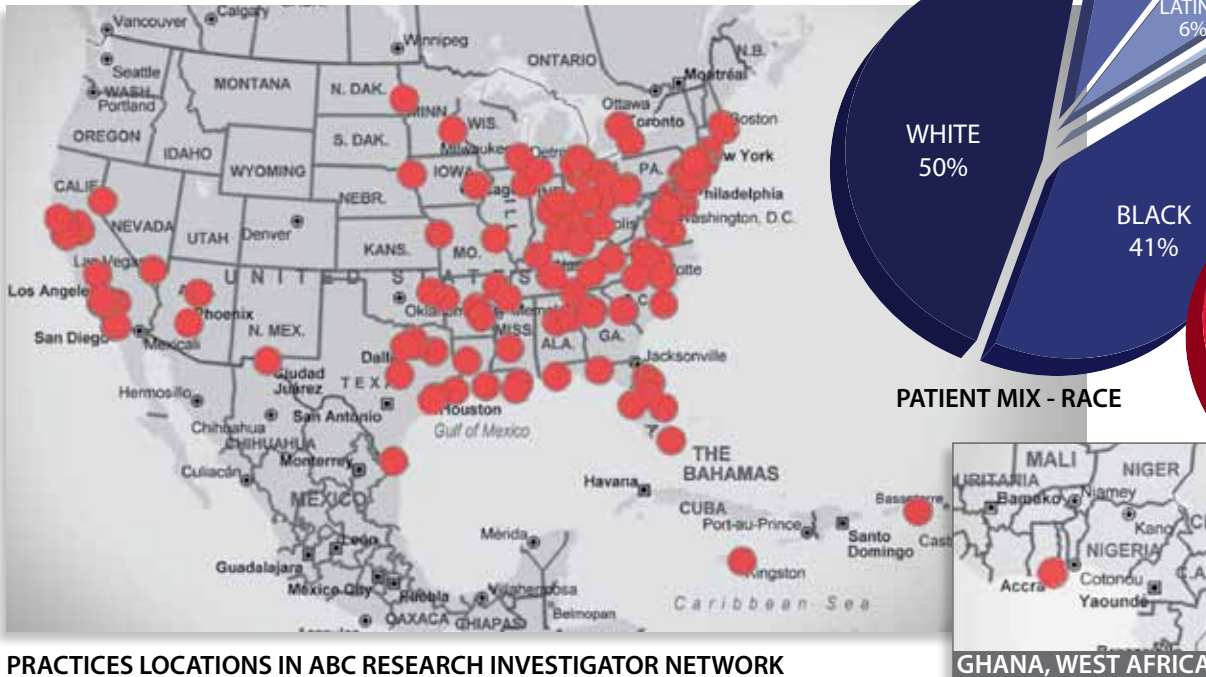
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Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.

Saving the Hearts of a Diverse America

RESEARCH INVESTIGATOR NETWORK

Founded in 1974, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC), is a nonprofit organization with an international membership of 2,500 health professionals, lay members of the community (Community Health Advocates), corporate members and institutional members. ABC is dedicated to eliminating the disparities related to cardiovascular disease in all people of color. Today, ABC's public and private partnerships continue to increase our impact in communities across the nation.



Source: ABC Research Investigator Network Database as of November 2011. Practice sizes <1000 to 3000+ patients. Patient mix % based on combined average (all Network practices) [rounded/will not add to 100%].

ABC seeks to improve the health status of African Americans and other under-served populations by facilitating their participation in clinical trials. Involvement in clinical trials will provide the impetus to meet this challenge and address the health care needs of minority patients.

Clinical Investigator Recruitment

ABC maintains a database of investigators profiled by their research experience and patient populations. The database consists of cardiologists, internists and family practice physicians in the United States and in Ghana. Many of our investigators are in private practice and can therefore avoid delays often associated with approval by local Institutional Review Boards (IRBs). The database includes ABC members who serve as principal investigators and on steering committees for major clinical studies. Through the development of novice investigators, ABC continues to grow our investigator database.

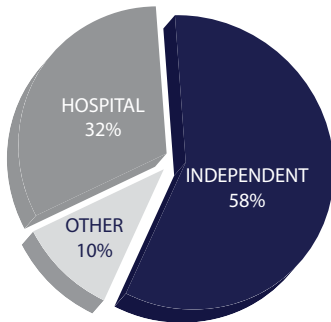
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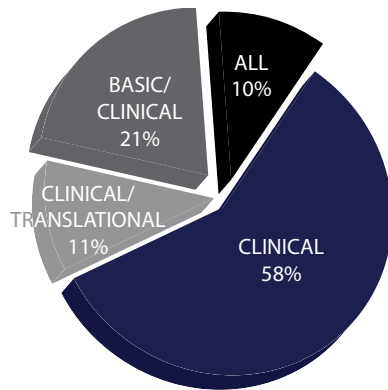
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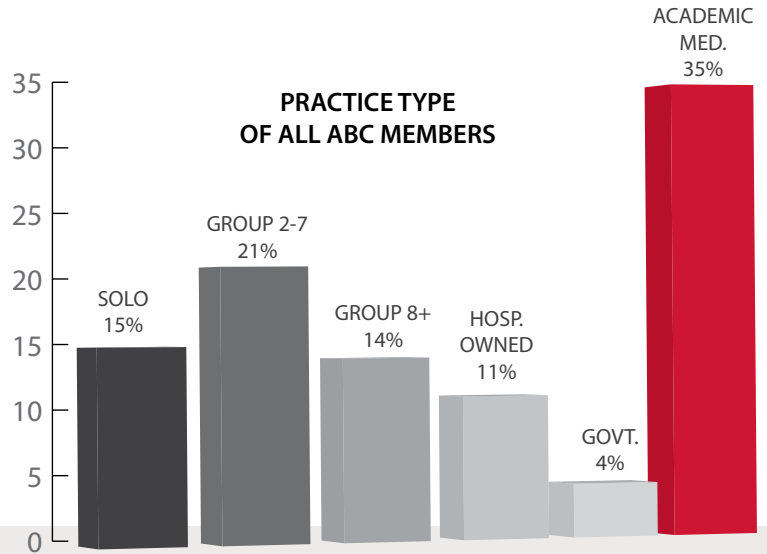
ABC represents a diverse group of culturally-competent health care professionals. 35% percent are academically-based and have been trained in clinical research facilities.



PRACTICE LOCATION TYPE OF NETWORK MEMBERS



RESEARCH INTERESTS



PRACTICE TYPE OF ALL ABC MEMBERS

More About ABC and Clinical Research

Media

ABC recognizes that the success of a study is often based on the level of awareness of the study. We are able to develop study-specific advertisements including videos, brochures and journal ads.

Development of Investigators

To ensure the integrity of the research conducted at our sites, ABC provides ongoing personalized support to new investigators. We prepare investigators for large Phase III studies by first exposing them to smaller studies. We can provide direct site support through providing consultative visits by experienced study coordinators to inexperienced sites.

Equality in Clinical Research

ABC supports Project I.M.P.A.C.T., a program of the National Medical Association (NMA) to encourage greater participation of African Americans in all aspects of biomedical research and clinical trials (<http://impact.nmanet.org/>). African Americans are underrepresented in important medical research to find treatments for the very diseases that disproportionately affect them, such as diabetes, hypertension, HIV/AIDS and lung cancer. Good health depends on the knowledge of whether a treatment affects women or men differently, or affects a minority differently.

About Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC)

Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). ABC's mission is to champion the elimination of cardiovascular disparities through education, research and advocacy. We believe that good health is the cornerstone of progress. We are firm in our resolve to make exemplary health care accessible and affordable to all in need, dedicated to lowering the high rate of cardiovascular disease in minority populations and committed to advocacy and diversity. We are guided by high ethics in all transactions and strive for excellence in our training and skills. *ABC Vision: Cardiovascular Disease is No Longer a Leading Cause of Death. ABC Goals: Create Leadership that Drives a National Agenda; Achieve a Reduction of CVD through Awareness; Establish Sufficient Endowment to Fund Our Programs*