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## **A Call for Scientific Papers on Improving Black Health**

The National Black Church Initiative is now inviting submissions of scientific papers for its online publication, *Enroll Now Magazine*. NBCI publishes *Enroll Now Magazine* online in conjunction with the American Clinical Health Disparities Commission (ACHDC). *Enroll Now* regularly includes articles by ACHDC members. Yet this is only one part of its mission. The overarching purpose of *Enroll Now* is to provide a platform for illuminating critical health data and other information for NBCI's 27.7 million members and the interested public. *Enroll Now* achieves this by also publishing: scholarly articles focused on curtailing African American mortality and morbidity; editorials on racial health disparities; notices on clinical trials on behalf of our future partners; and views on clinical trials from members of our congregations. This Call for Submissions is for the areas of interest listed below, and papers may have multiple authors. The submission deadline is June 2026. The review panel, composed of NBCI and ACHDC reviewers, will evaluate all submissions. Please submit your papers for review, and all questions, to:

### **Qualifications**

Call for scientific papers or articles for NBCI's online new Enroll Now Magazine for African American clinicians and researchers, and our official partners. Research should be based on how to curtail the morality and mobility in African American culture. You must be familiar with the NBCI National Black Health Agenda report to Congress:

<https://www.naltblackchurch.com/pdf/blackhealthagenda-congress.pdf>

African American researchers will be given preference for publication.

You also must send a recent picture and your CV to:

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### **Areas of Interest**

Access to Care/Lifestyles/Self-care

Alzheimer's disease

Blood diseases

Cancer (Liver/Kidney/Lung)

Cardiovascular diseases/Stroke and Hypertension (high blood pressure)

Collection of Health Data

Diabetes

Genetic diseases (Sickle Cell and other)

Kidney disease

Mental health

Parkinson's disease

Rare diseases (with proper classification)

### **Criteria for Scientific Validity**

**Originality:** The research is valid and not published elsewhere, and preferably contains new findings.

**Clarity in Writing:** The use of clear and concise English, standard units of measurement, and proper citations of primary literature.

**Data Integrity:** Conclusions must be supported by the data, avoiding overstatement or unjustified interpretation.

**Sound Methodology:** Any experiments and analyses must be technically sound, with sufficient detail provided.

### **Authorship & Integrity**

**Authorship:** Authors must contribute significantly to the conception, data, writing/review, and accountability for the work.

**Research Integrity:** Presentation of results must be honest, with no fabrication or falsification.

### **Manuscript Structure & Content**

**Title:** Accurate, concise, and descriptive.

**Abstract:** Brief summary of the work.

**Introduction:** Background and research question.

**Methods:** Detailed enough for replication.

**Results:** Presentation of findings.

Discussion: Interpretation and implications (with all hypotheses identified as such).

References: Properly formatted, mainly citing primary literature.

### **Magazine-Specific Factors**

The paper must fit *Enroll Now's* aims and purpose (see above).

### **Authorship Guidance**

The public's trust in and benefit from scientific publications relies on the adherence to high ethical standards, including those related to the dissemination of findings and conclusions. Hence, all submissions to *Enroll Now* under this Call for Submissions must include appropriate attribution of authorship and the disclosure of relevant affiliations of those involved in the work, as well as the acknowledgment of any meaningful contributions by colleagues involved in the design or content of the work. Pertinent financial and other supporting relationships of those involved in the work must be transparently disclosed to NBCI prior to publication in *Enroll Now*.

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Authorship of a scientific paper should be credited to those individuals who have contributed in a meaningful way to its intellectual content. All authors are responsible for evaluating their own roles and those of their co-authors to ensure that authorship is correctly attributed. Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take responsibility for its content. All co-authors should have been directly involved in all of the following: (1) planning and contributing to the work that led to the paper; (2) writing a draft of the article or revising its content; and (3) giving final approval of the version submitted for publication. All authors should review and approve the manuscript before submittal for publication to *Enroll Now*.

The lead author is usually the person who has prepared the first draft of the manuscript. This author is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all other authors meet the requirements for authorship. The corresponding author is always the lead author for *Enroll Now's* purposes.

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### **Related NBCI Websites:**

[naltblackchurch.com](http://naltblackchurch.com)

<https://blackchurchclinicaltrials.com>

<https://achdc.net>

### **Submission and publication fee**

It is free until June 2026. Beyond June 30, 2026, is \$2,500