

Title:

SPECIAL SESSION: Behavioral Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities Among Vulnerable Populations of Ethnic Minority Women and Adolescents

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Oral

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Summary:

Dr. Champion presents innovative behavioral interventions developed through active community participation to reduce health disparities among vulnerable populations of ethnic minority women and adolescents in rural and urban communities. This work has international public health policy implications for prevention of STI/HIV, unintended pregnancy substance use, and abuse among these populations.

Abstract Text:

Dr. Champion's most outstanding contributions to nursing are in improving the health of ethnic minority women and adolescents. She was one of the first nurses to study the relationship of STI, sexual risk behaviors, unintended pregnancy, and abuse among ethnic minority women. Through her interdisciplinary clinical research program she developed evidence based community interventions for urban and rural populations of African-and Mexican-American women, including adolescents with STI, unintended pregnancy and abuse. Translation of these findings into community health programs nationally and internationally is consistent with recommendations for expansion of community engagement as an essential strategy for increasing health care access and eliminating health disparities. Dr. Champion has modeled her professional career to serve as a community-engaged scholar and has contributed significantly to improving the standard of care and reducing health disparities for rural and urban ethnic minority women and adolescents through findings from her NIH funded primary care-based intervention studies.

Dr. Champion's sustained program of clinical research in adolescent and women's health spans more than two decades of continuous funding, and a robust number of data based publications and presentations of findings for evidence-based practice. She is known internationally for pioneering innovative behavioral interventions to reduce health disparities among vulnerable populations of ethnic minority women and adolescents in rural and urban communities. Her work has international public health policy implications for prevention of STI/HIV, unintended pregnancy substance use and abuse for these populations. Dr. Champion has met challenges of gaining access to communities in need through active participation with the communities in the research process. She continues with ongoing conduct of research within her rural primary care-based practice setting and local involvement in relevant community organizations. Dr. Champion will present approaches that are consistent with contemporary developments in healthcare research emphasizing inclusion of community members and social construction of knowledge for development and translation of evidence-based practice findings for health disparities reduction. These efforts provide evidence of her endeavors, her commitment to minority health, and sustainability of her program of health disparities clinical research and practice.

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Professional Experience: My professional background and extensive research experience provide the unique qualifications for the proposed presentation. My clinical research focus began with 2 post-doctoral fellowships with the NIH and CDC respectively. I have served as Principal, Co-Investigator or consultant/mentor on 37 research projects. I have been an investigator on 23 NIH funded research grants (12 Principal Investigator, 9 Co-Investigator, 2 consultant) funded by federal agencies such as the NINR, NIMH, NIAID, NIDA and NIAAA. These grants have included R03, R21, R01, U01, U19 and P20 mechanisms. Co-investigators represent multidisciplinary collaborations including Epidemiology, Anthropology, Ob/Gyn and Public Health 2investigators nationally and internationally. Through my program of interdisciplinary clinical research, I have worked with these multi-disciplinary teams to develop gender and culture specific, evidence-based community interventions to address health disparities among particularly vulnerable at-risk populations. These studies include controlled-randomized trials of behavioral interventions for prevention of violence, substance use, STI/HIV and unintended pregnancy.

Author Summary: Dr. Champion has a strong record of dissemination with a direct link from research and practice to presentations to publications. Peer review of this work includes over 300 international, national and regional presentations through journals and oral or poster presentations at scientific conferences or meetings. Dr. Champion's international, interdisciplinary publications and presentations include discussions of the implications of research and practice approaches, interpretation of data with implications for incorporation of findings into community health programs.