

Your Partner for Inclusive MS Research

Expertise, infrastructure, and relationships to ensure your research benefits the full diversity of the MS community

THE
RIDE
COUNCIL
RESEARCH | INCLUSION | DIVERSITY | EQUITY

MS MINORITY
RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIP NETWORK



At Accelerated Cure Project for MS (ACP), we've built the infrastructure to help you engage underrepresented communities, build trust, design culturally relevant studies, and ensure your findings benefit everyone affected by MS. We offer two distinct but complementary resources to make inclusive research practical and impactful.

The RIDE Council: Hands-on Project Consulting

The Research, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (RIDE) Council is your direct consulting team—with nearly 30 people affected by MS from historically underrepresented communities. They provide hands-on guidance to make your specific project more inclusive and effective. Council members represent Black and African American, Latino/a/x, veteran, rural, LGBTQIA+, older adult, and disability communities, bringing lived experience directly into your research design.

ENGAGE THE RIDE COUNCIL TO:

- **Develop** culturally appropriate recruitment plans.
- **Review** your outreach materials and messaging for cultural relevancy.
- **Reality-check** study feasibility and approaches with the intended community.
- **Define** research priorities that matter most to underrepresented groups.
- **Build** trust by co-developing clear and accessible result dissemination plans.

MS MREPN: Strategic Tools & Resources

The MS Minority Research Engagement Partnership Network (MREPN) is a multi-stakeholder coalition and resource hub. While the RIDE Council offers project-specific consulting, MREPN provides broader resources—from recruitment toolkits to educational materials—to help you engage diverse communities at scale.

ENGAGE THE MREPN TO:

- **Access** toolkits and best practices for inclusive recruitment and retention.
- **Understand** community-wide perspectives through our surveys and analyses.
- **Co-develop** educational events to address research myths and promote participation.
- **Learn** from our online library of articles and videos on MS health equity and inclusive research.
- **Build** strategic partnerships with advocates and community organizations.

Credibility & Expertise

Both initiatives are led by a diverse steering committee of people affected by MS, clinicians, researchers, and community advocates, ensuring a 360-degree perspective on inclusive engagement in research. Meet the [RIDE Council Steering Committee](#) and learn more about [MREPN](#) by visiting acceleratedcure.org.

Which Resource is Right for You?

Whether you need hands-on project consulting (RIDE Council) or broader strategic tools and resources (MREPN), we can help. Contact our partnerships team to discuss your specific needs, and we'll connect you with the right experts to advance your research. Email us at Partner@AcceleratedCure.org.