



Dear Colleague,

We are writing to introduce you to the National Medical Association's (NMA PedsNet), the Pediatric Research Network of the NMA's Pediatric Section. The PedsNet consists of 40 practices across the country with 50–60 participating physicians who conduct clinical research in their practices. The mission of the network is to increase minority pediatricians' participation in clinical research, thereby enhancing the health of all children. It is our belief that relevant clinical research should include children from all ethnic and minority groups. The goals of NMA PedsNet are to decrease immunization disparities among minority children, increase immunization rates among minority children and to increase minority participation in clinical research.

Currently, most of our research projects have been in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics Pediatric Research in Office Settings (AAP–PROS). We intend to continue that collaboration as well as to initiate some independent projects such as developing a network of research advisors that would generate research questions, design study protocols, obtain funding, analyze data and publish results. Our current projects in collaboration with the AAP–PROS are listed in the table below.

<b>Study</b>	<b>Status</b>
Polio Immunization Delivery Study	Complete
Safety Check	Complete
Child Abuse Recognition Evaluation Study	Complete
Reducing Immunizations Disparities Study	In Progress
Secondary Sexual Characteristics in Boys	In Progress

Of note, most of the data from these studies collected from African American children were from NMA PedsNet practices. Additionally, some NMA PedsNet practitioners have worked closely with the staff and researchers of AAP–PROS and have co-authored some of the studies that have been published.

NMA PedsNet is recruiting interested practitioners to participate in current and future research studies. The time commitment for these studies varies and PedsNet practitioners can choose which studies they would like to participate in. If you are interested in participating in the NMA PedsNet, either as a clinical research site, or as a research advisor, please complete the enclosed form and fax or mail it in.

Sincerely,

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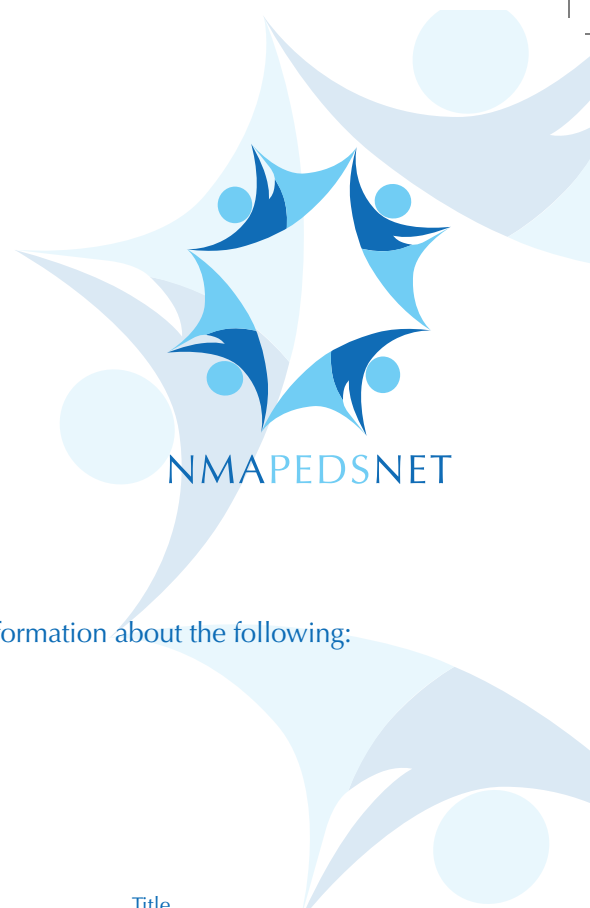
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# Recruitment Response Form



**I am interested in learning more about NMA PedsNet.** Please send me information about the following:

- Becoming an NMA PedsNet Practice
- Becoming an NMA PedsNet Research Advisor
- General information regarding NMA PedsNet

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