

Faculty Bio



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Dr. Rivers is Professor and Director of the Cancer Health Equity Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). Dr. Rivers is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in health disparities research and a retired member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NACMHD). Dr. Rivers is an active member in the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) community and serves in several leadership capacities.

Dr. Rivers is a behavioral scientist with a broad background in dissemination and implementation science and public health, with specific training and expertise in methodologies commonly used to addressing health disparities. Dr. Rivers's research portfolio has endeavored to expand the application of population-based intervention science to understand how to address cancer health disparities in clinical and community-based settings, utilizing multi-level/multi-domain/multi-sectoral approaches, such as medical mobile apps and/or Community Health Workers/Patient Navigators. Dr. Rivers has and is leading several large randomized controlled trials, funded by Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) (R01), to evaluate and characterize the impact of multilevel, digital health interventions, targeting African American men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Dr. Rivers is lead Multiple-Principal Investigator (MPI) for the NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI) funded Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (PACHE) U54 Cancer Research Partnership between MSM, Tuskegee University, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham O'Neil Comprehensive Cancer Center (UAB OCC).

Dr. Rivers is the Director of the Integrating Special Populations Core of the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) funded Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance. Dr. Rivers serves as MPI of the Faculty Institutional Recruitment for Sustainable Transformation Coordination and Evaluation Center (FIRST CEC). Lastly, Dr. Rivers is the Principal Investigator of two American Cancer Society new initiatives, Diversity in Cancer Research Institutional Development Program and Cancer Health Equity Research Centers. Dr. Rivers has presented his novel and innovative research findings in diverse settings including the First Congress on Oncology Clinical Trials (Lagos, Nigeria); November International Prostate Cancer Consortium (Queensland, Australia); *The Atlantic Magazine*, *The People vs Cancer*; South by Southwest (SXSW) conferences; and the National Press Foundation.