

## Overall Recruitment Update: 734 Patients, Biobank has achieved 73.4% of target recruitment goal!

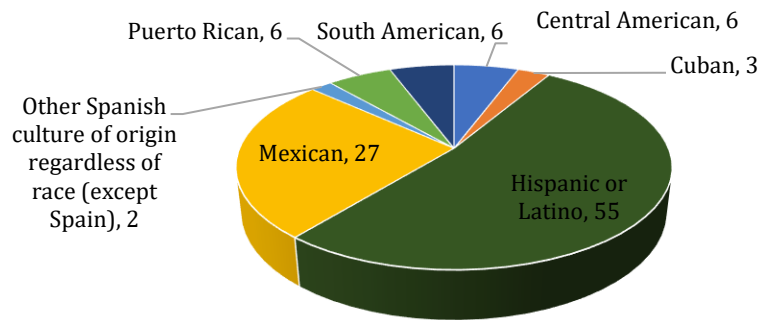
Dear investigators and study team, thank you for your participation in the MCF Neuroscience Biobank! In honor of Minority Donor Awareness Month, we would like to feature our generous patients who donate their samples to our biorepository for the pursuit of new cures. National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative initiative of the National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Multicultural Action Group (NMAG) to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye and tissue donation. Common barriers to minority involvement in research tissue donation can include medical mistrust, lack of access to healthcare services, and medical educational barriers.

### Biobank Minority Patient Donations:

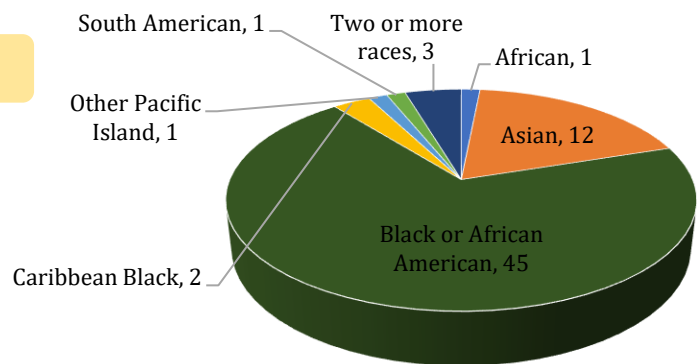
- 15% of our accrued patients are ethnic minorities, and 8% are racial minorities, illustrating room for improvement in the enrollment of minority patients in our repository.
- Steps towards improving enrollment:
  - Standardized training on foreign language consents using short forms integrated into the Biobank Bootcamp
  - Coordinator education on the roots of medical mistrust and how to discuss these concerns with patients.



### Count of Ethnic Minority Patients Accrued

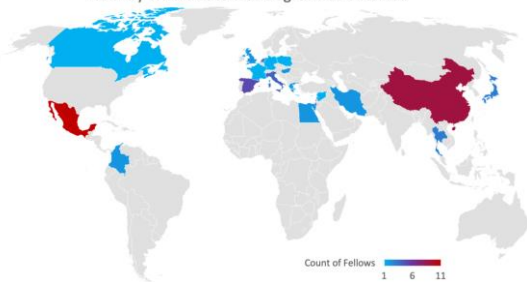


### Count of Racial Minority Patients Accrued



### Featured Publication:

Country Where Advanced Degree was Obtained



#### Impact of International Research Fellows in Neurosurgery: Results from a Single Academic Center

Wuyang Yang, Jordina Rincon-Torroella, Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, et al.

Our diverse team of medical fellows are key to the identification of international patients in need of treatment at Mayo Clinic. Their learned experiences help to make patients feel represented and comfortable receiving care and contributing to research at our organization!

### Featured Shout-Out:

Thank you to Interpreter Services for assisting us in bridging the gap to enroll international and foreign language speaking patients in our repository!

Please contact Lead Study Coordinator with any questions:  
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### General Biobank Updates:

- New workflow for BAP Tissue Notifications using a shared calendar (FLA Biospecimens Facility) for basic research lab staff to get tissue status updates.
- Shared Calendar Color Code as of 9/1/2021:
  - OR (Surgery)
  - Being Processed by BAP
  - Tissue Processed by BAP
  - No Tissue for Research
  - Cancelled

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