

Overview

Rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMD) contribute to increased rates of premature mortality, morbidity, and disability among various populations in the United States.

Increases in these rates have highlighted a critical need for more focus on the root causes and subsequent impacts for these diseases.

The NIAMS-funded BIGDATA Center (P30AR072583) supports cutting-edge RMD research with a focus on digital health technology, analytics, and community engagement through three cores:

1. Administrative Core
2. Methodological Core
3. Dissemination, Implementation, and Community Engagement (DICE) Core



The DICE Core focuses on encouraging engagement in RMD research and integrates an adapted version of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engagement Studios (CES) protocol to guide expert level consultations.

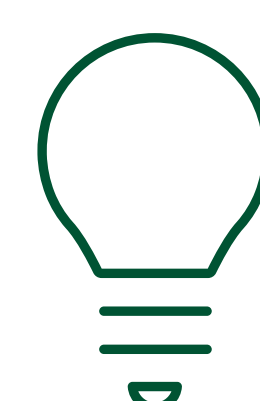
Key Services

The DICE Core facilitates consultations with RMD researchers through the provision of the following key services:



Consultation & Training

Supporting implementation science, community engagement and research recruitment practices.



Direct-to-Patient Digital Strategies

Providing cutting edge recruitment approaches for rural and other populations.



Community Engagement

Utilizing the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) to integrate community insights into research.

DICE Core Team

The DICE Core is comprised of members from various disciplines with expertise in the following areas:

- Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Science
- Evidence-Based Patient Safety Practices & Outcomes
- Community Engagement



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We'd love to present to your group or unit! Pictured, Dr. Ballard promoting DICE at the *Breaking the Boundaries Symposium* hosted by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS)



Key Takeaways

- DICE Core consultations have resulted in successes such as NIH funding application submissions and improved community engagement for RMD research.
- **DICE** welcomes collaboration with investigators committed to D&I science and real-world impact in RMD research.
- The DICE Core offers **four (4) free hours of consultation services**

Contact Us

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