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**Doctors to Discuss Diseases and Clinical Trial Research on African Americans  
*Oak Cliff Church to Host Event***

By 2030, when the first Baby Boomers reach 84, the number of Americans over 65 will have grown by 75% to 69 million, according to WebMD.com. Americans are living longer, but are they healthier?

For Black Americans the challenge, in addition to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, is having treatment options available that are genetically suited whenever major illness strikes. With disproportionately higher incidences of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening conditions, African Americans need to be included in more clinical trials.

Pat Sanders, co-founder of the Dallas nonprofit, 50 Hoops, said, "It is critical that we get our DNA in future drugs approved in the United States."

On May 29th, 50 Hoops will present the 5<sup>th</sup> annual AACT I and II Lecture Series in Dallas. AACT is the acronym for African Americans in Clinical Trials. The dinner conference will be held at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, 1821 W. Camp Wisdom Road in Dallas, from 6-8pm.

The dinner conference will bring physicians, patients, and community leaders together to discuss health care disparities and current opportunities for participation by African Americans in clinical trials.

The lecture will feature a panel of Dallas physicians discussing four diseases—Alzheimer's, breast, colon and lung cancer, and adult immunization. Q&A sessions on clinical trials will follow. This year 50 Hoops will again partner with hospitals and medical centers throughout the DFW area to present clinical trials education to an expected audience of over 100 participants. Traditionally, the lecture explores understanding of and accessibility to clinical trials within the African American community.

