

## Meharry Medical College

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The purpose of this Site Profile is to provide an overview of the basic research processes at Meharry Medical College. This profile can help you understand: the types of patients within the electronic medical records; current PCORnet® Study participation; patient recruitment methods and institutional procedures related to Institutional Review Board and contracting; and data linkages.

**Table 1. Characteristics of the patient population between January 1 – December 31, 2024**

The characteristics of the patient population presented in this table are based on data from the health system’s electronic health records mapped to the PCORnet® Common Data Model as of September 2025 and do not reflect any public-facing or official characteristics reported by the health system or its partners. This data can be used to help inform researchers of the types of patients, care settings, and location data that are available for research.

<b>Unique Patient Records</b>	<b>&lt;100,000</b> [presented as range]
<b>AGE IN YEARS</b>	<b>%</b>
Children 0-9	12 %
Children 10-19	9 %
Adults 20-34	23 %
Adults 35-54	31 %
Adults 55-64	15 %
Adults 65-74	8 %
Adults 75+	2 %
<b>SEX</b>	
Female	56 %
Male	44 %
Unknown	<1 %
Missing	0 %
<b>RACE</b>	
White	22 %
Black or African American	52 %
Asian	<1 %
Multiple race	0 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	2 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1 %
Unknown	24 %
Missing	
<b>HISPANIC</b>	
No	81 %
Yes	19 %
Unknown	<1 %
Missing	0 %
<b>CARE SETTING</b> – <i>patients may have more than one encounter type</i>	
Ambulatory Visit	64 %
Emergency Department	40 %
Telehealth	1 %
Inpatient hospital stay	7 %
Emergency to inpatient	0 %
Observation stay	3 %
Non-acute institutional stay	0 %
<b>AREA DEPRIVATION INDEX</b>	
Quartile 1 (Highest Socioeconomic Status)	5 %
Quartile 2	11 %
Quartile 3	23 %
Quartile 4 (Lowest Socioeconomic Status)	19 %
Missing	42 %

**RURAL-URBAN RESIDENCE**

Metropolitan/Urban area	56 %
Micropolitan/Large rural area	2 %
Small town	1 %
Isolated rural area	<1 %
Missing	41 %

**US STATE\***

Tennessee	58 %
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\*For state data, the site profile report will only list states with ≥ 10% of the patients.

**PCORnet® Study Leadership (Studies listed below where Meharry Medical College is the lead site)**

*Consented Studies (interventional trials & studies with patient-reported data collection)*

None

*Observational Studies*

None

*Data Science*

None

*Engagement (for example, PCORI-funded Science of Engagement projects)*

None

**PCORnet® Study Participation (Studies listed below where Meharry Medical College is participating)**

*Consented Studies (interventional trials & studies with patient-reported data collection)*

- HERO-TOGETHER: A Safety Surveillance Study of Post- Vaccination Events of Interest among People Vaccinated Against COVID- 19
- Pragmatic Evaluation of Events and Benefits of Lipid-Lowering in Older Adults (PREVENTABLE)

*Observational Studies*

- Empagliflozin Diabetic Kidney Disease (Empa DKD)
- Using PCORnet to Compare Blood Pressure Control Strategies

*Data Science*

None

*Engagement (for example, PCORI-funded Science of Engagement projects)*

None

**Participant Recruitment Capabilities**

*Mechanisms*

- Patient portal     
  Email     
  Post mail     
  Schedule-driven clinic intercept

*Outreach*

- System-wide outreach permitted     
  Clinic-specific outreach (physician approval required)

*Institutional Review Board (IRB) Policy*

- Recruitment messaging with “opt-out” language permitted

*Primary Patient Groups*

- Adult     
  Pediatric     
  Safety net

**Institutional Procedures**

*Institutional Review Board (IRB) Arrangements*

- May rely on single/central IRB for federally mandated studies only  
 May rely on single/central IRB for non-federally mandated studies  
 May accept commercial IRB review

**Order of Activation**

- IRB approval required before contract execution
- Contract execution required before IRB approval
- IRB and contract can be executed in parallel

**Administrative Efficiencies**

- Will accept PCORnet<sup>®</sup> Master Clinical Research Agreement without redlines for PCORI-funded studies
- Has signed the PCORnet<sup>®</sup> Master Data Sharing Agreement
- Has contracted directly with Industry funders

**Linkage with Other Data Sources**

**Health Plan Claims**

**Name(s) of Plan(s)**

- In same or adjacent data mart with common ID
- Established linkage infrastructure and regulatory

**Other (non-EHR) Data**

**Name(s) of Data Source(s)**

- Linked in DataMart\*
- Established linkage infrastructure and regulatory

\*DataMart refers to a specific data source consisting of data collected, captured or otherwise obtained by the health system. Each site's PCORnet DataMart houses data standardized to the PCORnet<sup>®</sup> Common Data Model.

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