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Foreword

I'm pleased to present the sixth report in the Compilation Report Series, the *Patients Compilation Report*, which focuses on patient engagement, patient diversity, dual enrollment challenges and potential strategies to reshape the clinical trials industry.

This report is a comprehensive compilation of archived CenterWatch articles based on in-depth interviews, investigative journalist reporting and original research and analysis.

Topics include:

- ▶ There has been an uptick in the number of strategies for increasing patient diversity in clinical trials. Task forces, seminars and a greater understanding of cultural differences are playing a critical role in how to improve racial and ethnic diversity.
- ▶ Patient recruitment remains one of the biggest challenges facing clinical research. Low participation rates and a high degree of willingness to participate heralds disconnect among industry—raising better awareness of trials and better accessibility of study opportunities is paramount.
- ▶ Dual enrollment causes multiple problems on multiple levels. Acknowledgement of the challenging aspects, to include patient safety, violation of regulatory compliance and financial consequences for the investigative site, is a positive step toward reconciliation of the worsening of a widespread problem that will continue to worsen until new preventative steps are taken.

For more than 20 years, CenterWatch has had the responsibility and privilege of dedicating its energies to objectively observing the clinical trials industry. CenterWatch has had a unique and unprecedented opportunity to serve as watchdog, educator and curator.

We hope you enjoy reading this *Patients Compilation Report* and its focus on patient strategies and challenges as much as we have enjoyed the opportunity to report on it.

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