COMMUNITY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Community Research Workshop

Activity:
Opinions & Attitudes

Tree Metaphor



The tree symbolizes strength, healing and fruitfulness in some cultures; in other cultures it symbolizes wisdom and support. These are principles to strive for in the research process.



Goal

Our goal is that community members will participate as equal partners in decision-making concerning either participatory or traditional research projects

Objectives



■ To increase community knowledge about health-related research

■ To decrease negative attitudes and perceptions about research

■ To improve researchers understanding of community knowledge, perceptions and experience with research





Module I

Branch 1: Health Research

Branch 2: Community Participation

Branch 3: History – Past & Present



CONTENT OVERVIEW

Module II

Branch 4: Research Ethics Principles

Branch 5: Institutional Review Board/Ethics
Committee

Branch 6: Research Process

HEALTH RESEARCH

- What is research?
 - Organized way to gather information to answer questions

- What is a research subject or participant?
 - Anyone for whom information is gathered

What are some medical or health related benefits of research?

Medical Benefits

- Vaccination
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke

Source: National Institute of Health, 2001. Center for Disease Control, 2006. AHQR, 2006. Wenger, et al, CVD in Women, 1993



Policy & Policymaker Benefits

 Unequal Treatment Study by the Institute of Medicine

Source: Rural Health Research Centers, 2006

Comments & Questions

Community Participation

What is a community?

What kind of community do you belong to?

What are some characteristics of your community?

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Characteristics of a Community

- A group linked by:
 - Location

- Common perspectives
- Joint action



Characteristics of a Community

Special research communities

Persons with the same disease

Persons with the same profession

Characteristics of a Community

■ Special research communities

Persons from the same population

Persons living in a specific geographic community

Community Participation

Why is it important that community members participate in the research process? Activity: **Small Group Discussion**



Community Participation WHY?

Protects research subjects or participants

Helps researcher develop goals

■ Improves the way research is designed

• Increases chances of sustained effort

Roles & Responsibilities of Community Representatives

- Ensure research is responsive to community needs & expectations
- Advocate for research participants or subjects well-being

Roles & Responsibilities of Community Representatives

Ensure appropriate informed consent

■ Secure access to research benefits

Community Representatives' Role

Rumors !!!!!!!!



What is Community-Based Participatory Research?



Collaborative approach to research

Equitably involves all partners

Recognizes unique strengths

Source: LW Green (cited), 2004

Traditional Research	CBPR
 Identifies issues based on study of disease, how it spreads & funding priorities 	■ Community identifies issues of greatest importance Source: AHQR, 2004

Traditional Research	CBPR
 Academics make design 	■Community involved with
decisions	design decisions
Approaches to	Community provides
recruitment & retention	guidance in recruitment &
based on scientific issues	retention strategies
	Source: AHQR, 2004

Traditional Research	CBPR
 Measurement instruments are adopted/adapted from other studies Manage all resources 	 Community helps develop measurement instruments Co-manage resources Source: AHQR, 2004

Traditional Research	CBPR
 Researchers design intervention based on literature & theory 	 Community help guides intervention development
■ Researchers report findings from analysis & publish in peer review journals	■ Community assist with interpretation & dissemination of findings Source: AHQR, 2004

Community Participation

Comments & Questions

RESEARCH HISTORY



■ World War II - 1939-1945

■ Freezing experiments – Nazi Germany

■ Nuremberg Code - 1946

Source: E. Eng, Protecting People Who Participate in Research, 2004 BC Cohen, Jewish Law, 2006

- Nuremberg Code of Principles
 - Researchers are responsible for obtaining voluntary informed consent
 - Experiments should benefit society
 - Research should not cause unnecessary physical or mental suffering

- Nuremberg Code of Principles
 - Risks should be reasonable

- Researchers should be qualified & professional
- Research subjects or participants must be able to stop participation

Nuremberg Code of Principles

 Researcher should stop study any time research subjects or participants may be harmed

1964 World Medical Association

■ Declaration of Helsinki

Document focused on ethical principles

Source: Human Subject Protection, University of Arkansas, 2005

■ United States 1950's to 1970's

■ Wichita Jury Study - 1953

Munson Jewish Chronic Disease Study –
 1963

- Tuskegee Study1932-1971
- Belmont Report1974
 - Federal regulations
 - Ethical principles

Source: Human Subject Protection, University of Arkansas, 2005. Family Health International, 2004.



Research History

Comments & Questions

Principles of Research Ethics

What is research ethics?

Standards that affect how research is conducted

Three Principles of Research Ethics



1. Respect for persons

2. Beneficence

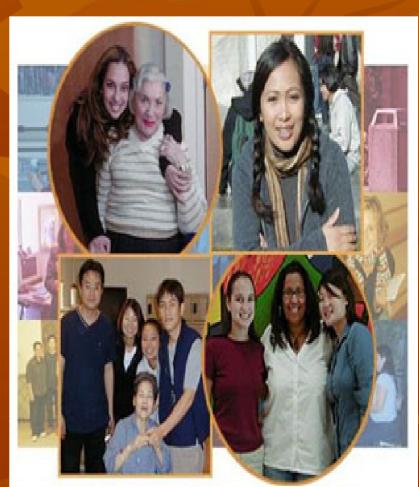
3. Justice



Research Ethics Principle 1

Respect for Persons

What words or sentences can you think of that define respect for persons?





Principles of Research Ethics 1

Respect for persons

Self-Determination

Unique

Free



Principles of Research Ethics 1

What is a vulnerable persons?

A person who have decreased ability to make decisions for themselves



Principles Research Ethics 1

- Vulnerable persons
 - Minors

Pregnant women

Prisoners





Principles of Research Ethics 1

■ Persons with limited education

Persons with few economic resources

Persons with mental disabilities



Principles of Research Ethics 1

Drug users

■ Women in some settings

Principle of Ethics Research 2

Beneficence

What does beneficence mean?

Principle of Ethics Research 2

- Beneficence
 - Do no harm

 Maximize possible benefits & minimize possible harm



Principles of Ethic Research 2

What kinds of risks are acceptable or unacceptable in a study?

Principle of Ethics Research 3

Justice

How do you define justice?





Research Ethics Principle 3

- Justice
 - Fair & equal distribution of benefits & risks of subjects or participants

Fair & equal subject or participant recruitment

Source: Human Subject Protection, Harvard University, 2001 Family Health International, 2004

Research Ethics Principle

Comments & Questions

Institutional Review Board/Ethics Committee



What is an Institutional Review Board (IRB)?

A committee of people whose goal is to protect human research subjects or participants

Facts about the committees







 Appointed by Vice chancellor for academic affairs and research administration

■ Four year periods

■ Federal requirements at least five members

Source: IRB Committee, University of Arkansas, 2006

Institutional Review Board Committees



- Biomedical/clinical research
 - Examines the medical results of using different drugs/medicines or medical interventions that have a possibility of helping to diagnosis or prevent disease
 - Measure the effectiveness of the drug/medicine

Source: IRB Committee, University of Arkansas, 2006

- Behavioral research
 - Primarily studies human behavior
 - Open-ended questions, interviews or focus groups, or surveys
 - Studies test educational, motivational and/or behavioral intervention

Source: IRB Committee, University of Arkansas, 2006

What are the qualifications of committee members?

Institutional Review Board Members

- Qualifications
 - Background in science or research
 - Community or religious leaders
 - Former study subjects or participants
 - Local community representatives

Institutional Review Board Members



Gender



Age

Racial/ethic/cultural background



How does the IRB committee protect human research subjects or participants?



- Committee makes decisions about the research study based on:
 - Design & conduct of the study
 - Community considerations
 - How participants are recruited



Care & protection of research participants

Confidentiality issues

■ Informed consent



What happens if a researcher does not follow the protocol or plan?

Institutional Review Board Policy on Misconduct

- Suspension or termination
 - Inappropriate involvement of participants in research
 - Serious or continuing non-compliance with federal regulations or IRB policies
 - New information regarding increased risk to participants

Source: IRB Policies & Procedures, University of Arkansas, 2004



Comments & Questions

What is the research process?

Research process is the route researchers take to get answers to questions

■ Issue selection

• Identify the problem

Define the research question



- Study design
 - Experimental
 - Researchers randomly assign research subjects or participants to receive an intervention or not receive an intervention

■ Example: Diabetes Prevention Study

Source: W. Trochim, The Research Methods Knowledge Base, 2004

- Study Design
 - Quasi-experimental
 - A study design that in which two groups of subjects or participants are studied but not randomly assigned
 - Example: researcher studies smoking on respiratory function

Source: Teaching & Learning Research Methodologies, University College Dublin, 2006

- Study Design
 - Non-experimental
 - Researcher observes & measures an event but does not intervene

■ Example: researcher does not decide who smokes when comparing the amount of lung cancer between smokers & non-smokers

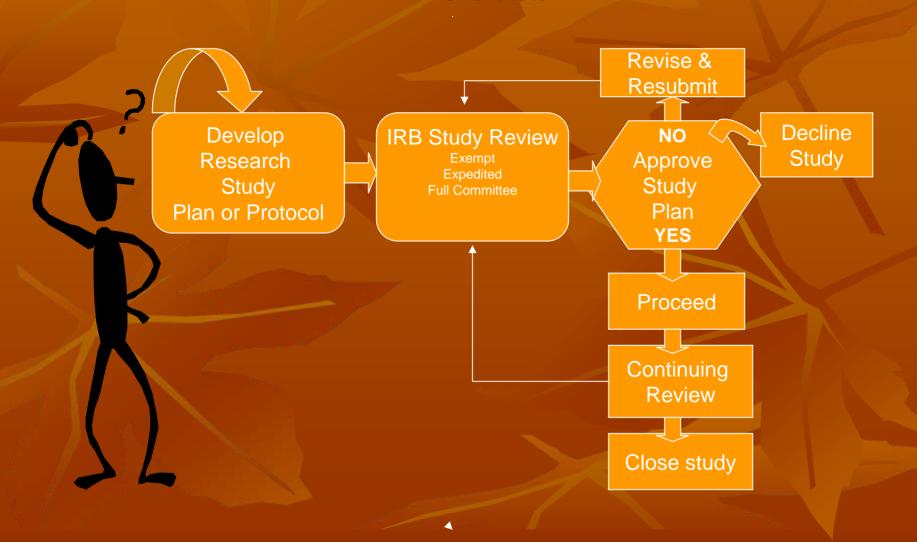
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- Secure funding
 - Call for proposals by funder



- Community & researchers solicit funds
- Research projects funded by government agencies, universities, corporations, or foundations

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Process



- Recruitment
 - Community partners
 - Advertising
 - Medical records or other databases of patient information
 - Primary care physicians

Source: IRB Recruitment Practices, University of Arkansas, 2002



Research Process: Informed Consent

■ What is informed consent?

"Consent given by a competent individual who"

- Has received the necessary information
- Has adequately understood the information
- After considering the information, made a decision without pressure



Informed Consent Goals

 The subject or participant gets information about the study

■ The subject or participant has time to consider all choices

■ The subject or participant's questions are answered



Informed Consent Goals

The subject or participant understands all information

■ The subject or participant's voluntary written informed consent to participate is obtained

 The subject or participant is informed throughout the research study



Informed Consent Goals

 The subject or participant consent to participate throughout the research study is confirmed



Informed Consent

- Children in research
 - What is assent?



Children under age 18 and beginning at age 7 can agree to participate in research

Written assent



Informed Consent & Children



- Guidelines
 - Children should not feel pressure when recruited

Children should be informed in language and terms they understand.

Informed Consent & Children

 Children should be informed about the purpose of his/her voluntary participation

Consent from parents or legal guardians

Informed Consent & Emancipated Minors



- What is "emancipated minors?"
 - Individuals under the age of 18
 - Living independently of parent or legal guardian



■ Financially independent from parent or legal guardian

Informed Consent & Emancipated Minors

■ Have borne a child

■ Married.

Consent not assent is sought from an emancipated minor



Informed Consent & Community Representative Role

- Participate in the draft & review of informed consent process
- Advice is essential for:
 - Review agreement or approval

Source: Family Health International, 2004



Informed Consent & Community Representative Role

Participant understanding

Vigilance

Source: Family Health International, 2004

Elements of Informed Consent Document

Activity: Review Sample Consent Form

Source: Family Health International, 2004

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act 1996 (HIPPA)

What is HIPAA?

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

 Set of rules for doctors, hospitals and other health care providers

 Standards for medical records, medical billing, and patient accounts

■ HIPAA took effect on April 14, 2003

Source: HIPAA Training, University of Arkansas, 2005

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Requires patients access to medical records

Correct errors or omissions in medical records

 Be informed how personal information is shared

Source: HIPAA Training, University of Arkansas, 2005

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

- How does HIPAA affect research?
 - Informed consent process
 - Written informed consent document
 - Pre-research sharing research information with funders & others

Source: HIPAA Training, University of Arkansas, 2005

- Data collection
 - Literature search
 - Focus group
 - Personal interviews
 - Telephone & mail surveys

Source: Research Methods, Stat-Pac Survey, 2006



- Intervention
 - An action that changes the course of a disease process
 - An activity that is designed to change behavior
 - Example: health behavior intervention to decrease unhealthy diets & couch-potato life-style



- Data analysis
 - Collect
 - Organize
 - Exam
 - Make conclusions

- Dissemination
 - Community meetings

Scientific journals & conferences

News media



