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Community Engagement Studio

The **Community Engagement Studio** is a community-engaged consultative model developed in 2009 by the Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core at the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research.¹

A community engagement studio is a one-time consultative session with a researcher’s population of interest. Studios consist of a panel of community stakeholders (called experts), whose characteristics are defined by the researcher, to provide feedback to enhance the planning, design, implementation, translation, or dissemination of research.

**How Community Engagement Studios Can Impact Research:**

- Prioritize research topics
- Increase relevance to patients and communities
- Strengthen recruitment and retention efforts
- Increase dissemination and uptake of research results
- Assess feasibility and appropriateness of the project for the participant population or community
- Receive feedback on cultural and linguistic appropriateness of research documents (e.g., recruitment materials, consent documents, surveys)

**A Community Engagement Studio is Not:**

- Research (HRPO recognizes this as part of the research process with studio experts acting as part of the research team)
- A standing advisory board
- A tool for recruiting research participants
- A data collection or research methodology such as a focus group

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¹ Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core at the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research: [https://victr.vumc.org/community-engagement-studio/](https://victr.vumc.org/community-engagement-studio/)