

HSC CTSC Community Engagement and Research Core

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://vict.r.vumc.org/community-engagement-studio/>