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Community

Communities at work

- ▶ Communities want to increase their quality of life so they are able to live longer, continuing doing the activities they choose and enjoy, and feel better
- ▶ Desire benefits for future generations to keep their community thriving
- ▶ Benefit from being included in a project team so their voices are heard in the processes

Role of research in the community

- ▶ Improve health of community members
- ▶ Make the quality of life better in a community – live longer
- ▶ Forms advisory boards and project teams for community involvement
- ▶ Incorporate unique characteristics of the community
- ▶ Promote research among other community members
- ▶ Opportunity to establish partnerships for assistance
- ▶ Help clinicians and researchers connect with each community on a personal basis

How do partnerships with clinicians benefit communities?

- ▶ Clinicians help communities by...
 - ▶ Incorporating new strategies/practices to improve patient health
 - ▶ Finding rising problems or trends in the health of the community
 - ▶ Being a trusted information source
 - ▶ Providing support
 - ▶ Watching for emerging health problems in the community
 - ▶ Suggesting other potential partners including community leaders in the medical community

How do partnerships with researchers benefit communities?

- ▶ Researchers help communities by...
 - ▶ Participating in community meetings and planning
 - ▶ Assisting in forming project teams
 - ▶ Recommending appropriate research methods
 - ▶ Contributing community priority setting
 - ▶ Providing connects to resource institutions
 - ▶ Helping communities form research questions around needs
 - ▶ Increasing the skills to find, access, and use research
 - ▶ Sharing new information back to the community
 - ▶ Communicating scientific issues to larger community