

Ethical Considerations in Community Engaged Scholarship

Health-Related Community Engaged Scholarship (CES)

Health-related Community Engaged Scholarship (CES) involves applying academic expertise to address real-world issues in collaboration with community members. It is meaningful collaboration benefitting communities, healthcare systems, and academic partners.



Characteristics of Health-Related CES

- Grounded in reciprocity
- Respectful
- Ensures community and scholars all benefit from partnership
- Interdisciplinary



Health-Related CES draws on:

- Public Health
- Quality Improvement
- Implementation Science
- Social determinants of health
- Education for health equity &
- Community well-being

Bioethics Principles

Bioethics Principles apply to Health-Related CES

Belmont Report Core Principles





Federal regulations require nine functions for Human Subjects Projection:

MINIMIZE RISK

REASONABLE RISK : BENEFIT RATIO

FAIR SUBJECT SELECTION

ADEQUATE MONITORING

INFORMED CONSENT

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ADDRESS VULNERABILITY

HSP TRAINING



Beyond Belmont: Considerations for Community Engaged Research (CEnR)

These expanded considerations ensure that community engaged research and health-related (CES) are conducted ethically and respectfully.

Benefit-Risk Ratio: Evaluate for entire community for tangible benefits Fair Subject Selection: Ensure inclusivity & representation; don't exploit vulnerable individuals

Adequate Monitoring: Implement continuous community involvement; fix problems Informed Consent: Adapt consent processes to be culturally sensitive and understandable to community members, including local languages



Privacy and Confidentiality: protect communitylevel information that could be stigmatizing

Conflicts of Interest: Be transparent about potential COI; involve community members in managing conflicts

Address Vulnerabilities: Pay attention to unique vulnerabilities such as historical exploitation or marginalization

Training: Provide comprehensive training for researchers and community members on ethical research practices and specific needs of CEnR

The CITI program offers National Institutes of Health-approved courses to train researchers and community members on ethical and practical considerations for design, review, and conduct of Community Engaged Research and Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR).

https://about.citiprogram.org/course/community-engaged-and-communitybased-participatory-research/