



2023 Podcast Highlights

Click on the video below to check out the highlights from the launch of our podcast, The Bridge Your Health Your Voice!




New Memorandum of Commitment

Through our "COmmunity Mistrust and Measures of Institutional Trustworthiness (COMMIT)," partnership with Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, a Memorandum of Commitment (MOC) was developed which serves as a critical

step in building trust between research and the community.

According to Pastor Franklin Lance, DMin, who played a critical role in its development, "What we seek to do here is say, 'this is not something we're just talking about, but something we are willing to document that we will do. We believe so much in the work that we are willing to document it.'"

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Community Mistrust and Measures of Institutional Trustworthiness
(COMMIT)
Memorandum of Commitment

The Memorandum of Commitment (MOC) consists of terms of agreement for community members and researchers in a community-academic partnership for COVID-19 testing acceptable to both the community and academic organizations.

SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
All partners should be clear about the purpose of the research and have a clear understanding of the terms of the collaboration.

1.1. This Memorandum of Commitment (MOC) is a voluntary agreement between the community partner and the academic partner as a part of their mutual engagement in [project/activities]

1.2. The academic partner will engage in activities that enhance its transparency, respect, and trustworthiness in the community in order to achieve greater health equity together in partnership with community members


SECTION 2: MUTUAL INTERESTS
To ensure a level playing field, project planning, research and design processes should be relevant to the community served. The focus of the project should meet the needs and interests of the community partners, and the goals and outcomes of the partnership should do the same.

2.1. We share a common interest in addressing the high priority issue(s) of structural racism in health care delivery and research, low health literacy, lack of access to information and awareness of health services, lack of transportation, and other social determinants of health in the community.

2.2. Partners commit to transparency around contributions and recognizing how the partnership activities and research outcomes benefit each organization, the academic partner, the community, and community members.

2.3. The collaboration is not in conflict with the community partners' initiatives and priorities. Moreover, it is beneficial and relevant to the work of the community partner. Ensure all research, health education, provider training, and related activities are designed to meet the needs of local community and key community stakeholders.

2.4. The academic and community partners are mutually accountable for fulfilling their agreed upon responsibilities to the partnership. The community and academic partners will support each other in fulfilling their responsibilities.



Click the video below to hear COMMIT Stakeholder Advisory Board member Joy Bramble talk about why the COMMIT project is so important to the community.



PATIENTS Professors Academy Year 2



We celebrated another year of the PATIENTS Professors Academy and graduated 82 Patient Professors ready to work with their communities to make research more relevant, appealing, and diverse.

Click on the video to hear 2022 PPA graduate Barbara Palmer talk about how she has embarked on an amazing path of opportunities since graduating from the PPA to have her voice heard.

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2023 Summer Roundtable Series

This summer, we had an all-star group of presenters initiate conversations about race and racism in digital health, diversity, equity and inclusion in clinical trials, systemic racism in providing care, and more.

"All of the Summer Roundtable Series topics tied into how do we overarchingly address systemic and structural bias in healthcare delivery systems," Hillary Edwards, MPH, Director of Research with the PATIENTS Program, said. "Each one featured subject matter experts both

This year's theme is ASTARISQ:
Addressing systemic and Structural Racism to Improve Safety, Quality, and trustworthiness in health delivery systems.

Dates	Topics
July 12 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Race and Racism in Digital Health and Information Technology
July 19 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Achieving Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Decentralized Clinical Trials
July 26 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Overcoming Systemic Racism and Bias in Providing Quality Care
August 2 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Addressing Equity in Health Care Access and Affordability
August 9 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Health Literacy as Liberation and Suppression

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from the scholarly side and the lived experience side who provided diverse perspectives on how to address these issues."

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