

Engaging the Public as Partners in Clinical Research: NIH ENGAGE Initiative

ENGAGE is an initiative of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) tasked with developing concrete strategies to ensure public thoughts and preferences are meaningfully incorporated in NIH supported clinical research. To meet this goal, NIH brought together an expert group of patients, advocates, researchers, clinicians, and non-profit representatives to develop a vision and plan.

What is clinical research engagement?

Engagement is when individuals, such as patients, groups of people, communities, and/or organizations **partner** with researchers to plan, design, and/or conduct research so that the research and its outcomes are **meaningful and actionable** (especially for those who could benefit from or be affected by the research).

Draft Vision: Engagement in clinical research is a standard practice to promote responsiveness to community needs, accountability, and transparency while helping turn discoveries into improved health of people.

Draft Goal: People and communities have a say in the agenda and direction of research that is relevant and impactful to them.

Initial Cross-Cutting Themes:

Leveraging Emerging Technology

Building Partnerships

Promoting Access & Transparency

Advancing Justice & Equity



Various Stages of Clinical Research



Relevant Partners

We want to hear from YOU about:

1. Ways for researchers to best partner and work with people and communities in an ongoing manner.
2. Resources and incentives that would increase open communication between members of the public and researchers and research institutions.
3. The role of research funders (e.g., government agencies, non-profits, companies) in strengthening partnerships between people, communities, and researchers.
4. Specific examples of things that may make people and communities more and less likely to want to engage with researchers and research institutions.

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