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Ethical Considerations in Community-Based Participatory Research
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Community-based participatory research (CBPR) is characterized by authentic partnerships, meaningful community engagement, and community capacity building that combine knowledge with action to achieve social change. These features of CBPR raise ethical issues that differ from those encountered in traditional human research. We are inviting papers which explore these ethical issues, including from international perspectives. Contributions may include qualitative or quantitative studies (including case studies and those involving CBPR) and reviews of empirical literature. Examples of possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Ethical concerns encountered in CBPR and how these are addressed by CBPR teams and/or research ethics committees (RECs)
- Models for characterizing ethical concerns encountered in CBPR and/or for evaluating outcomes of alternate approaches to addressing these concerns.
- Approaches for increasing understanding of CBPR among RECs.
- Models of community ownership and control over data collection, interpretation and/or dissemination.
- Community-based mechanisms for research ethics review, e.g., community advisory boards, community-based research committees, community-based RECs.

This effort to contribute to a literature on evidence-based ethical problem solving in CBPR grows out of a partnership established between Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) and the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care (the Bioethics Center) to advance their shared goal of meaningfully involving communities in decisions made about every aspect of research. CCPH is a growing network of over 1,500 communities and campuses across North America and increasingly the world that are collaborating to promote health through service-learning, community-based participatory research, broad-based coalitions and other partnership strategies. (See http://www.ccph.info) The Bioethics Center was established in 1999 to promote equity and justice in health and health care by conducting education and training programs, fostering respectful community partnerships, advancing interdisciplinary research, and advocating public policies that improve the health and health care of all Americans, particularly the underserved. (See http://www.tuskegee.edu/Global/category.asp?C=35026.)

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