Community-Based Participatory Research
As a Path to Health Equity:
The Role of Research Teams, Researcher Identity and Mentorship

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Community based participatory research (CBPR) has been increasingly viewed as a critical translational research strategy for reducing health disparities and improving equity with its emphases on community-driven processes, community-capacity building and social justice. An under-theorized aspect of CBPR has been the role of research teams, including the impact of researcher identity and mentorship, in fostering partnering processes based on equity. This presentation will first introduce CBPR as a translational approach to addressing equity, present some of the challenges in conducting contextual and culturally-centered CBPR intervention research, and then will discuss the importance of diverse researcher teams and researcher identity for addressing power dynamics within a CBPR conceptual model.

Participants will be able to:
• Identify how CBPR can address challenges of translational science
• Articulate the importance of self-reflection on identity(ies) and intersectionality in research with communities
• Understand the contradictions of power and privilege in research mentorship within CBPR
• Define CBPR as a strategy to achieve health equity within communities and within research knowledge creation

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