CE Studio Overview for Investigators

What is a CE Studio?

Community Engagement (CE) Studios are an evidence-based consultative model utilized to gain valuable patient or community insight to inform ongoing research. CE Studios are a one time in-person or virtual discussion with investigators, community experts, and a trained facilitator.

How can a studio be helpful for my research?

CE Studios can be utilized to inform study design, implementation, translation, dissemination, and/or sustainability of ongoing work. These studios not only support investigators seeking feedback in any of these areas but also help to build community-academic partnerships which are important for centering the needs of the population of interest.

When do I need a studio?

A studio can be held by an investigator at any point in their career. Studios can be conducted prior to, during, or following a research project depending on which aspect of the work investigators are seeking feedback on. **CE Studios do not require an approved IRB and are not research**, the data collected here are intended to be used to improve ongoing research.

What are the values and assets of a studio?

A studio gives investigators the opportunity to hear directly from their population of interest. Community experts' lived experience is invaluable in the research process and can be utilized to center the community's needs and expedite the translation of research findings into improved outcomes. Following a studio, a detailed summary report is provided for investigators including demographic information from participants, raw data reflecting the discussion in the room, and robust thematic analysis to identify key points that community experts made during the studio.

How do I prepare for a studio?

Prior to applying for a studio, you should identify a particular focus for the studio as well as a population of interest. The planning team will help to finalize these details and others in planning meetings prior to the studio. Throughout **the three-month planning period** leading up to the studio, you will create the following deliverables with support from the team:

a. 1-page research overview which will be developed into a flyer for recruitment

b. 1-minute video introducing yourself and your research which will be shared with community experts during orientation

c. 10-15-minute presentation to be shared at the beginning of the studio to provide background on your work thus far, future directions, and the aspect of your work that you need community support on

Voucher requests to host a CE Studio can be submitted through SPARCRequest. If you have questions or are interested in hosting a CE Studio, please contact Dr. Ivory Simms (ijs34@case.edu).