

COMMUNITY PARTNERED APPROACHES TO ENHANCE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

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Background: There is a need to increase community involvement in addressing the growing of burden of kidney disease. Community-partnered participatory research (CPPR) is ideally a collaborative approach that equitably involves academic, community and professional partners in research, intervention development and implementation of shared goals.

Methods: We review the processes, strategies and activities around the interface of World Kidney Day goals and community-academic partnerships using a CPPR model focused on chronic kidney disease.

Results: We show that CPPR methods can be used to: 1) Bring together community and academic leaders around goal sharing and research agenda development; 2) Convene a community/professional conference aimed at knowledge transfer and data collection amongst partners; 3) Develop workgroups from a diverse group of participants to collaborate in research and development of community partnered strategies and interventions to reduce the burden of chronic kidney disease. Research activities reflected shared goals; participants included, healthcare professionals, patients, faith-based professionals, government employees and officials, academics, care givers, and community members; and follow-up workgroups developed specific action plans to address shared concerns about kidney disease.

Conclusions: Using CPPR practices and principles we were able to incorporate World Kidney Day objectives with community derived goals to develop a community-partnered infrastructure, shared objectives, and interventions to reduce the burden of chronic kidney disease.