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Participatory Research Session
The Role of an REB in Facilitating CBR:
A Co-Chair's Perspective

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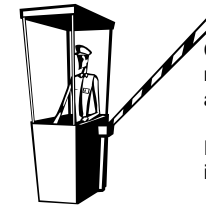


Need for an REB with a CBR Focus



HIV community members had longstanding difficulty securing formal research ethics approval due to lack of accessible REB

Once upon a time....



Community researchers needed academic partner to access REBs

REBs challenged by ethical issues of CBR



HIV Research Ethics Board

- Faculty and Community Co-Chairs
- 50% + 1 Community members
- Board members with experience in CBR
- Began activities April 2009

The New Way

- Ontario CBR teams have improved access to ethics review
- OHTN provides ongoing training and support for community-based researchers



Benefits for HIV Community

- ↑ Research capacity
- ↑ Access to ethics review
- ↑ Community representation
- ↑ Attention to specific ethical issues of CBR
- ↑ Engagement with ethics review process

Benefits for Research Community

- ↑ Understanding of ethical issues of CBR
- ↑ Community- researcher partnership
- ↑ Exposure to alternative methodologies

Successes

- Over 30 studies reviewed to date
- Mutual learning and respect
- Navigated challenging community submission
- A good practice model



Challenges

- “Uncharted” territory: no easy answers
- Fewer than expected community-initiated CBR submissions in Yr. 1— need for further promotion?



Thank you!

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