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Civic Life and Health Research

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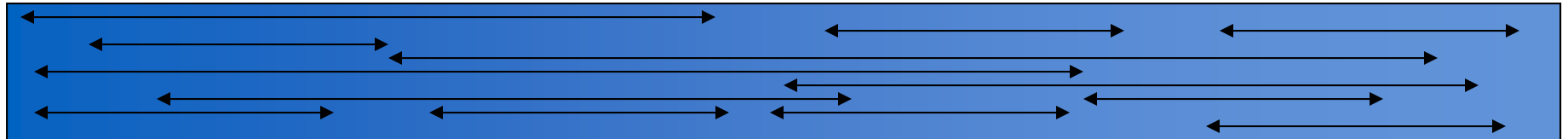
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Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) program
- Launched in 2006
- A national consortium of 64 institutions
- **Mission:** to develop innovative solutions that will improve the efficiency, quality and impact of the process for turning observation in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public

Spectrum of Clinical and Translational Research



Bench to Bedside... ↔ **...to Widespread Clinical Practice...** ↔ **...to Public Health...** ↔ **...to Health Policy**

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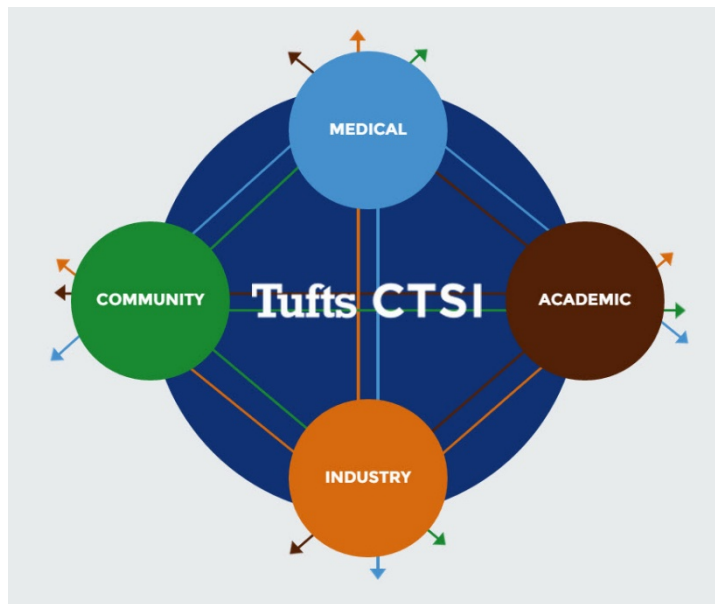
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Tufts CTSI's Mission & Purpose

Established in 2008 to translate research into better health



- Stimulate and expedite innovative clinical and translational research, with the goal of improving the public's health
- *Entire spectrum* of clinical and translational research is critical to meeting the promise and the public's needs of biomedical science

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School of Dental Medicine
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4 Academic Partners

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Harvard Clinical Research Institute
Northeastern University RAND
Corporation

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Lahey Clinic
Maine Medical Center
New England Baptist Hospital
Newton-Wellesley Hospital
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center
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P4 Medicine Institute
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Pfizer, Inc.
Tufts Health Plan

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Asian Community
Development Corporation
Asian Task Force Against
Domestic Violence
Asian Women for Health
Boston Chinatown
Neighborhood Center
Center for Information and
Study on Clinical Research
Participation
Greater Boston Chinese
Golden Age Center
Health Resources in Action
Museum of Science, Boston
New England Quality Care
Alliance

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How Can CTSI Help?

- **Connections** with other researchers, industry, the community, and policy-makers across the Tufts CTSI network and national CTSA consortium via our **Navigators & Research Collaboration team**.
- **Consultations** on **comparative effectiveness, one health, research process improvement** and **stakeholder and community engagement** projects and grants, as well as **regulatory issues** and other areas of translation.
- **Study design and data analysis** (pre- and post-award) through the **Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) Center**, including drop-in sessions.

How Can CTSI Help?

- **24/7 clinical trial support** through our **Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC)**.
- **Informatics tools** for electronic data capture (**REDCap**), resource sharing, and collaboration.
- **Training & professional development** including MS and PhD degrees, certificate programs, seminars & workshops, and **paid career development awards and fellowships**.
- **Funding** through one-year interdisciplinary **pilot studies grants** that support the initial stages of research.

How to Request Tufts CTSI Services

- Visit www.tuftsctsi.org and submit a request

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI). The header includes the Tufts CTSI logo and navigation links for REDCap, LEARN VIDEOS, PROFILES, and WORKSPACE LOGIN. Below the header is a main navigation bar with links for Research Services, Education, Funding Opportunities, Our Impact, Faculty & Staff, and About Us. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Accelerating translation of research into clinical use, medical practice, and health impact" and a list of services: Research Design & Analysis, Research Collaboration, Clinical Studies & Trials, Informatics, Professional Development, and Pilot Studies Funding. Below this banner are three columns: "WANT HELP WITH YOUR RESEARCH?" (circled in red), "EVENTS", and "NEWSFEED". The "WANT HELP WITH YOUR RESEARCH?" section includes a call to action "Fill out a request and we will be in touch within two business days." and two contact photos: Daniel E. Wetner, MD, MS and Genevieve M. Allison, MD, MSc, FACP. The "EVENTS" section lists "DROP-IN SESSIONS" for Sep 23, Sep 30, and Oct 06. The "NEWSFEED" section features a "SUCCESS STORY" about the Baystate Medical Center Scientists Launching a Community-Engaged Research Study.

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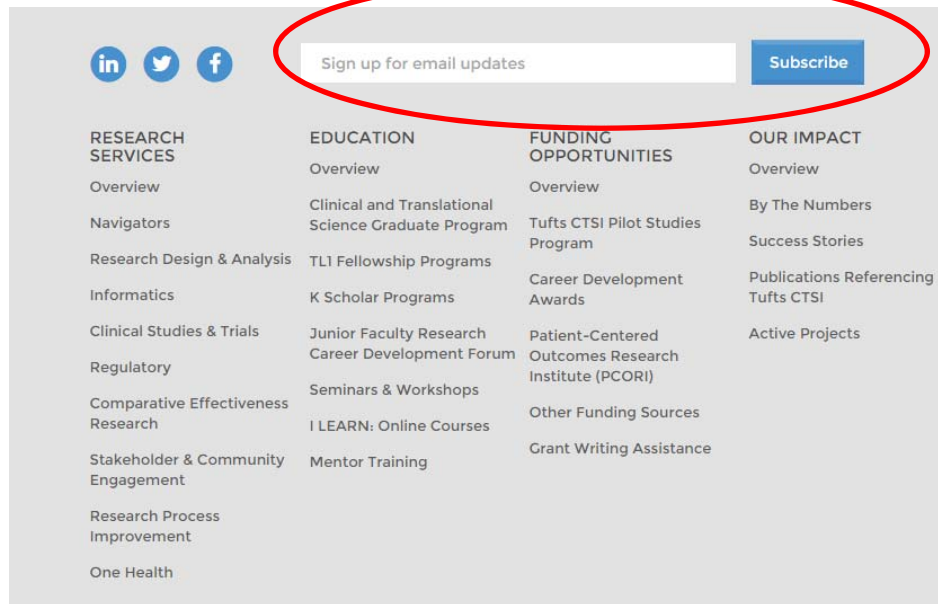
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EVENTS | **NEWSFEED**

DROP-IN SESSIONS
Sep 23 - 8:00AM | **Research Help Drop-in Session**

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Oct 06 - 2:00PM | **Medford Office Hours**

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SUCCESS STORY

Baystate Medical Center Scientists Launch Community-Engaged Research Study

Sarah Coff, MD and her team at Baystate Medical Center recently received a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) award for [More >](#)

Questions?

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CTSI seminar

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2017



Goals

- Understand the relevance of civic engagement to health research (clinical and other)
- Get oriented to current research and debates about civic engagement in the US.
- Challenge the frequent definition of “civic engagement” as professionals consulting stakeholders



Questions for you:

- Do you seek to engage the public as part of your work?
- Why?
- What's an example of how you do this?
- What are you struggling with?

By the end of this seminar, you will be able to:

- Define the concept of “civic life” and related terms such as civic engagement, social capital, democratic participation, and community engagement from social science perspectives
- See civic engagement as relevant to the clinical research process
- Explore differences in theory and practice depending on whether one thinks in terms of clients, patients, stakeholders, communities, publics, or citizens.
- Illustrate exemplary actions that investigators can take that involve civic life.



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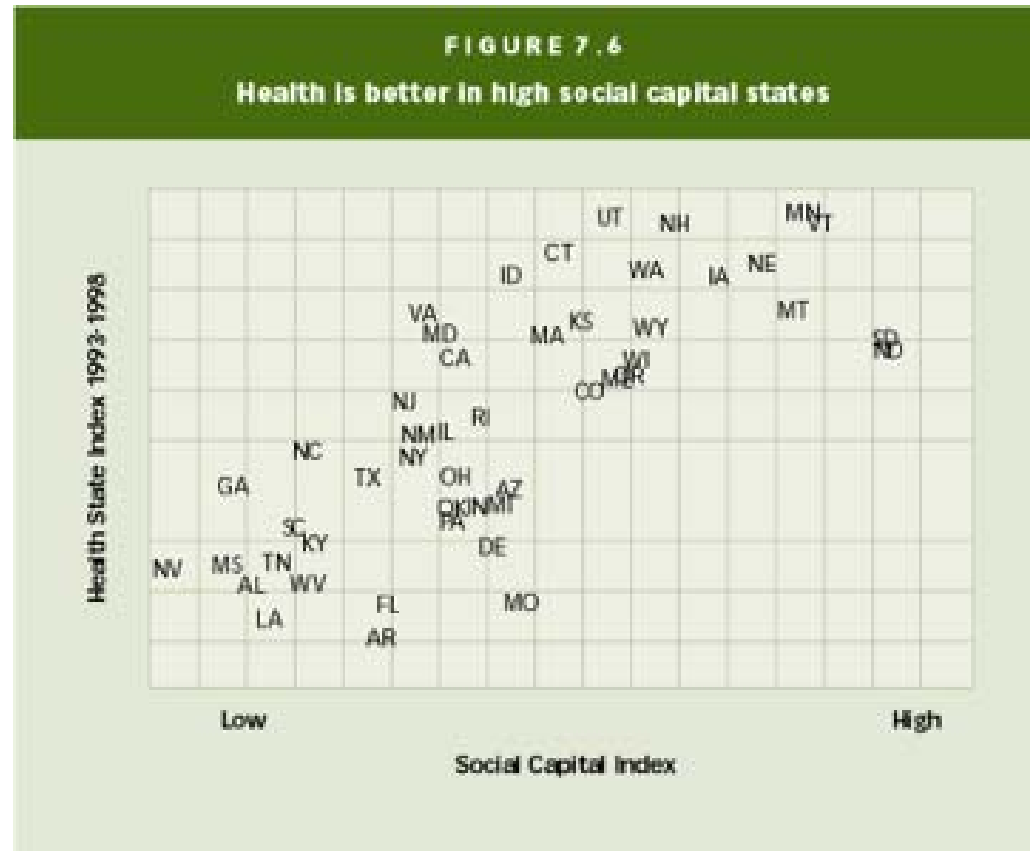
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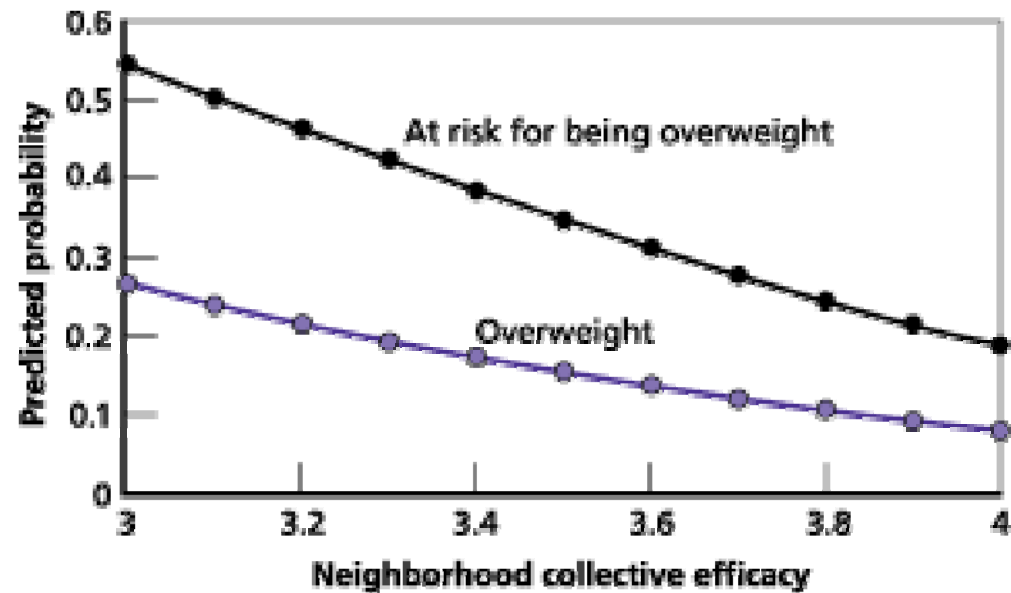
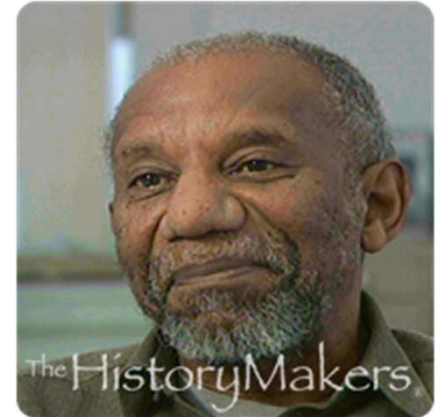
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Social capital:



“Connections among individuals - social networks and the norms of reciprocity and trustworthiness that arise from them.”

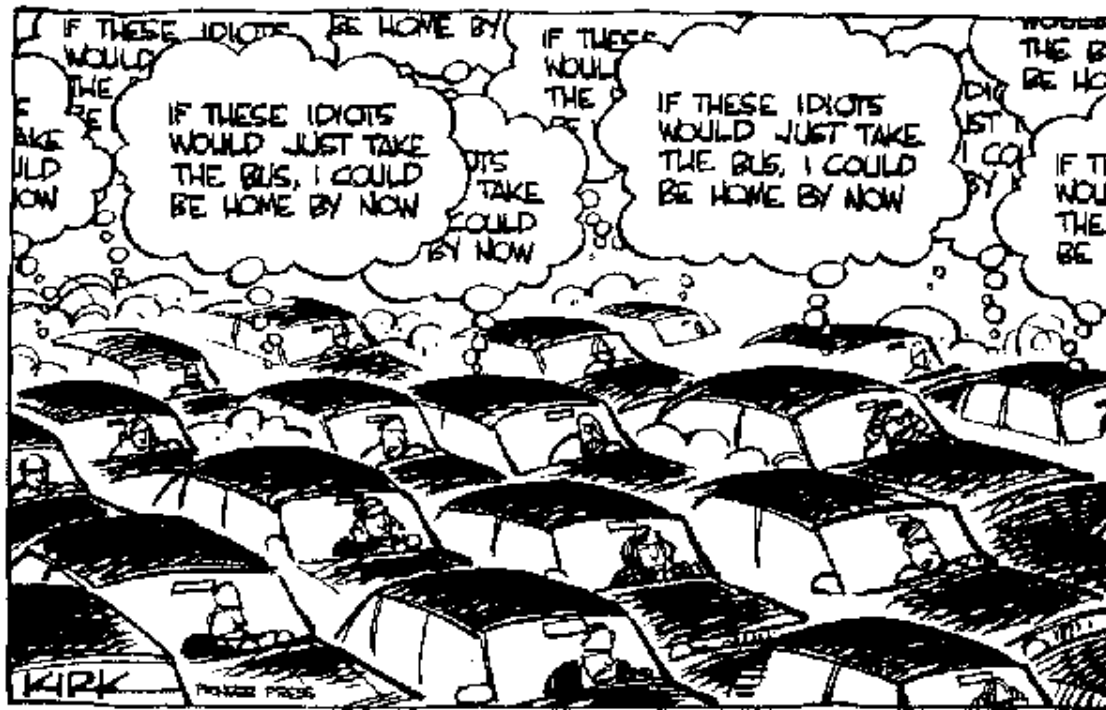
Collective Efficacy



SOURCE: Cohen et al., February 2006.

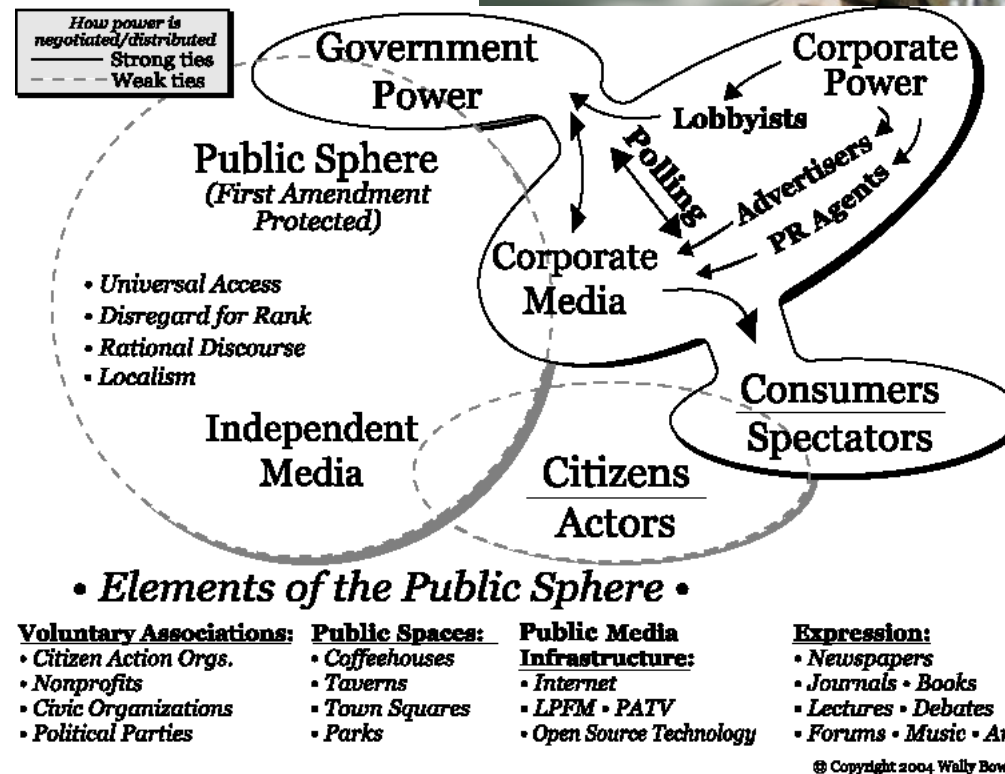
The ability of members of a community to influence the behavior of individuals and groups in the community.

Common Pool Resource



"A good ... whose size or characteristics makes it costly, but not impossible, to exclude potential beneficiaries from obtaining benefits from its use"

Public Sphere

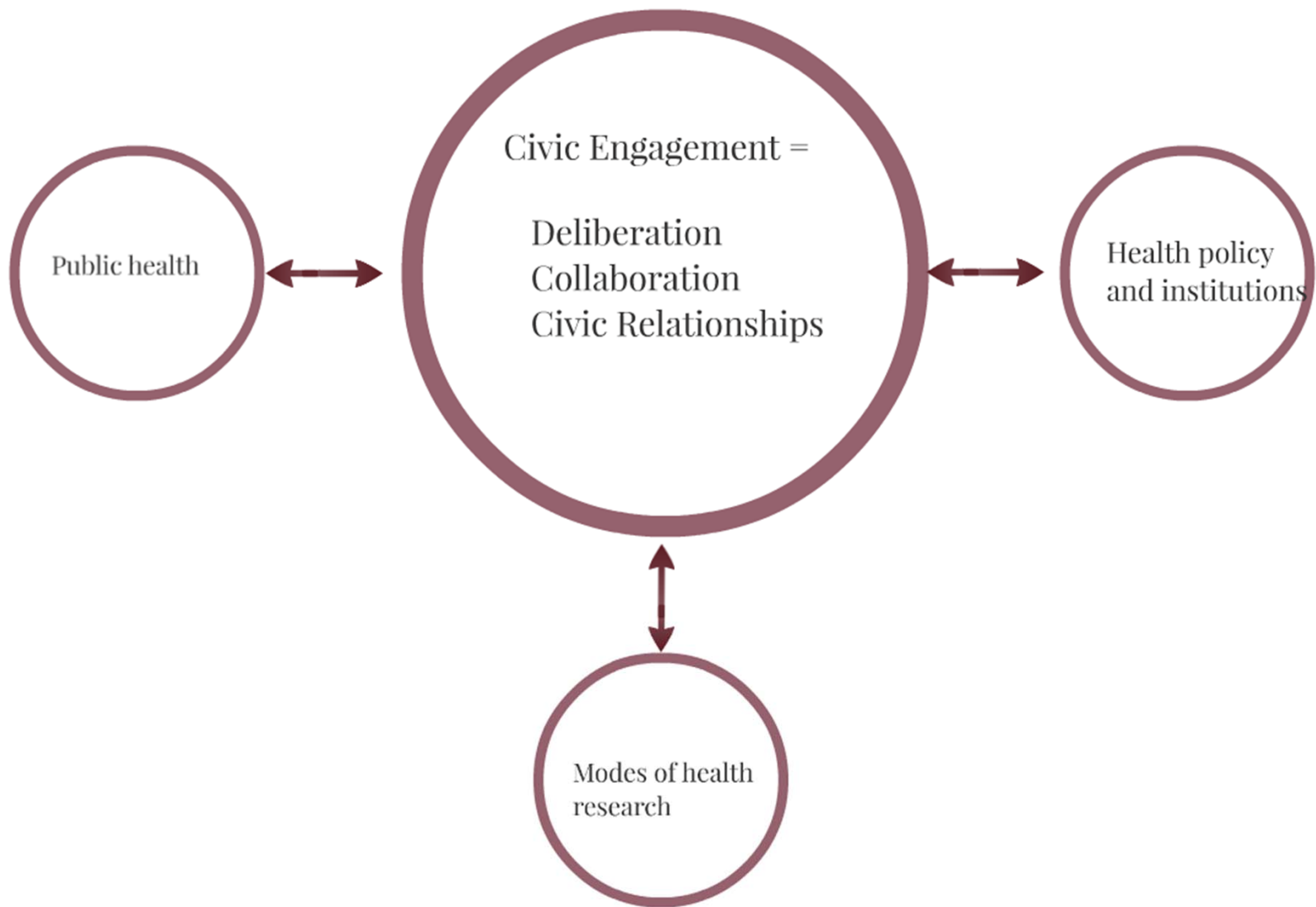


“society engaged in critical public debate” > produces public opinion



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Interest group

Client

Stakeholder

Citizen

Public(s)

Population

Who “engages”?

Professional

Patient

Resident

Community member

Official

Laypeople

Identity/demographic group



Some definitions

Stakeholder: Has an identifiable “stake.” Engaged *because* of that stake. Represents those who have it. Expected to advocate the relevant interests.

Community member: But what is a “community”? Depends on perspective.

Citizen: Has a right to participate. Has civic responsibilities, e.g., to consider all interests. Includes professionals and officials as well as laypeople.



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Common tools

1. Research on public opinion (qual. or quant.)
2. Community-based participatory research
3. Stakeholder consultation/negotiation
4. Laypeople's positions on ethics boards, IRBs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, etc.
5. Responsiveness to social movements
6. Professional training in health disciplines that includes "civic professionalism" (Albert Dzur).
7. Transparency, access to information



Questions for you:

What would it mean to view everyone as a citizen?

What does that imply for professional education?

What have you tried?