WHAT IS ENGAGEMENT TO YOU?

"Engagement is about relating health research to individual and community concerns"

"Empowering the general public to become involved in conversations and decisions regarding their health and that of their community"

"Engagement to means creating a platform for mutual benefit"

"Engagement is about mutual listening and learning"

"I understand engagement as a reciprocal process of sharing and learning from others"

"A two-way conversation between scientists and the community where the scientist is open to the community's feedback informing his/her work and the community is receptive to the scientist's work"

"Engagement means realizing ethical goals such as strengthening protections for study participants; and increasing scientific rigor to help future beneficiaries"

"Engagement for me needs to be towards achieving collective goals/to do something to the benefit of a community. Engagement needs to be paired with other processes such as planning and policy development discussions"

"A bidirectional process that builds trusted and sustainable partnership with stakeholders"

"Centering those to whom the research pertains in the research process as key collaborators, from start to finish"

"Engagement means …. working with others - collaboratively and openly. It involves listening and humbly acknowledging the knowledge, learning and evidence emanating from many different stakeholders, regardless of what their 'baggage' or background is"

"Engagement is listening and communicating effectively to promote joint understanding and effort"

"Engagement means giving people an opportunity to discuss & get involved in matters affecting their communities"

"Engagement is being in conversation and in solidarity working toward a more just and equitable society"

"An opportunity to allow all voices to be heard and to work towards a common goal alongside various stakeholders"

"Balanced and rounded communication between multiple stakeholders in health research for purposes of knowledge exchange, co-learning and sustainable partnerships"

"Engagement is about exchange of communication, ideas about a matter of mutual interest/concern, where there is a good level of mutual commitment and responsibility"

"Co-learning and co-creation"

"Engagement enables people to connect to their values"

"Meaningful engagement is when power in the space is addressed and shared, when individuals are aware of the power they hold in the space. When the affected leads engagement and can speak through their issues and come up with solutions that works for them"

"Making science accessible to communities and get their opinions on the subjects and engage with their needs"

"As a researcher, engagement for me is first and foremost about learning with those whose lives , needs, experiences are under investigation. It's an inter and transdisciplinary approach to knowledge making and exploring ways research can expand beyond academia. It's an iterative process, a political process that is grounded in experiential learning while at the same time rooted in a politics of care for all involved - with the ultimate goal being to support positive social change on micro and macro levels"

"Engagement involves communicating with, and including other parties based on an issue, taking into consideration each person's thoughts, interests and views and coming up with holistic solutions to that issue"

"Facilitating the needs of their Community and enabling the resources to educate and strengthen measures in increasing connectivity can be a boon towards uplifting the weak points while supporting the neglected issues and bringing a structured process"