# Work Assignment 6\_Track A

# Enhancing engagement in protocol development

*Remember to save a personal copy of this completed work assignment for future reference.*

# Purpose

Lesson 6 outlined some of the complexities and benefits of meaningful involvement of stakeholders in the design of trial protocols and the informed consent process. This assignment offers an opportunity to apply some of these concepts to your real-world context.

# Instructions

Refer to your copy of the GPP Guidelines and find the topic area of protocol development in Section 3. Answer the questions below.

1. How does your team’s engagement of community stakeholders in protocol development compare to the participatory practices described in subsection D of the guidelines? What are doing well? What can you do to realistically improve? Think about the following points as you construct and frame your response.
   * **Planning:** are you engaging community stakeholders early enough to have an effect on any decision about research design, and is key protocol content presented in an understandable format and language?
   * **Conduct:** do community stakeholders and research teams have the opportunity to exchange views and information, to listen, and to have their issues addressed?
   * **Feedback and follow up:** is the consultation documented to keep track of who has been consulted, key issues/questions raised and are outcomes reported back in a timely way to those consulted, with clarification of next steps?
2. How are you assessing whether your strategies for engaging stakeholders in protocol development are succeeding?