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Abstract Title:

The role of the Boland Research Community Advisory Board in Clinical Research.

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Background:

The Boland Research Community Advisory Board (BR-CAB), was established in 2008 with the support of the University of Cape Town (UCT) to serve as community engagement platform for the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (SATVI), a UCT-based vaccine clinical research organisation.

The geographical focal area of the BR-CAB, is Worcester and surrounding areas of the eastern part of the Cape Winelands, which is characterised by one of the highest tuberculosis infection rate in South Africa.

Methods

Through structured capacity development, administrative support and logistical support, SATVI has initiated, supported and sustained the BR-CAB to the point where it is reasonably well functioning.

The CAB has revised its constitution broadening the scope of the CAB, to position it as a central point of call for all clinical research within the Cape Winelands area. The BR-CAB has served as a consultation channel around the development of consenting processes, understanding the aims of clinical research studies conducted, the identification of and dealing with ethical issues, and generally improving the relationship between the community, government, researchers and health care providers. The CAB has now been expanded to include youth through the establishment of a Youth Community Advisory Board and it is a member of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG), an international clinical research network.

Results:

We have succeeded in establishing a well-functioning CAB which meets monthly, has regular discussions about clinical research, has international recognition and contributes to well-informed researchers and communities.

Conclusion:

Sustainable CABs are reliant upon the development of good relationships, administrative support and a well-resourced capacity development program.