



Consumer and Community Participation Fact Sheet T02: The Research Cycle

The research cycle as described in the National Health and Medical Research Council's *A Model Framework for Consumer and Community Participation in Health and Medical Research (2005)* has five stages. Below are some methods that work well at each stage. Remember: the participation activities can commence at any stage of the cycle.

5. Knowing what to research next

The results of the research can help to identify what should be researched next. Consumers and community members can help to do this through;

- Advisory councils and groups (Fact Sheets M02 - M04)
- Consultation Forums (Fact Sheet M05)

4. Letting people know the results

Researchers can share the results of the research with consumers and community members through;

- Community Consultations (Fact Sheet M05)
- Research Buddies (Fact Sheet M07)
- Utilising members of advisory councils and groups to spread the word (Fact Sheets M02 - M04)
- Consumer and community networks
- Plain language Summaries (Fact Sheet M11)

1. Deciding what to research

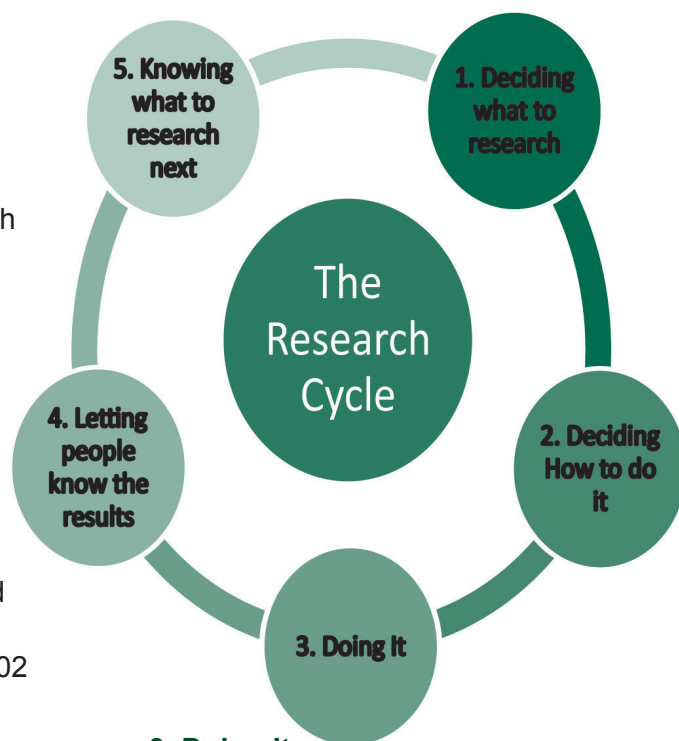
Deciding what to research can be influenced by a number of groups;

- Funding body interests
- Researchers, professionals, staff and students
- Consumers and community members through:
 - Advisory councils and groups (Fact Sheets M02 - M04)
 - Consultation Forums (Fact Sheet M05)

2. Deciding how to do it

Traditionally this has been done by researchers but consumers and community members can be involved using the following methods;

- Writing/commenting on documents, surveys, questionnaires (Fact Sheet M08)
- Writing grant applications (Fact Sheet M10)
- Reviewing grant applications (Fact Sheet M09)
- Advisory councils and groups (Fact Sheets M02 - M04)
- Research Buddies (Fact Sheet M07)



3. Doing It

Consumers and Community members can be included in doing the research in a number of ways;

- Consumer and community researchers (Fact Sheet M06)
- Advisory councils and groups (Fact Sheets M02 - M04)
- Community consultations and forums (Fact Sheet M05)