

Reporting Back Individual Results to Research Participants



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**A Community-Rutgers
Interactive Workshop**

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:30 am -1:00 pm

EOHSI Conference Room C

170 Frelinghuysen Road

Piscataway, NJ 08854

AGENDA

8: 30 – 9:00

Arrival and Coffee

9:00 - 9:15

Opening remarks, welcome, and objectives for the workshop (Fiedler)

Objectives:

- To create an open forum for researchers, research participants, and members of the broader community to share perspectives on reporting-back individual research results to people taking part in research studies
- To explore the meaning and potential value of scientific research results for research participants, researchers, and community members.
- To enhance awareness of perspectives on scientific research that are influenced by past experiences, culture, age, gender, and race-ethnicity

9:15 – 10:30

Panel Presentation Topics for Discussion: (Laumbach & Rivera/Núñez)

- Objectives of scientific research
- EH research to risk assessment to action
- Reporting health-related results with a clear clinical interpretation vs. test results without known risk levels
- Interpretation of results in the face of uncertain health risks

Panel Members representing (1) community members, (2) graduate students, (3) faculty.

Discussion Topics for Panel: (Fiedler/Williams, moderators)

- Messages for interpretation of individual health-related research results [“safe” (or “safe-enough”), levels of risk, “no safe level”]
- Messages of no known safe level of a contaminant and receipt of water, soil, and blood test results
- How does “actionability” matter? Fact sheets offering action plans

10:30 – 10:40	Coffee Break
10:40 – 11:20	Small groups: reactions and revisions to report back samples
11:20 – 12:00 pm	Debrief from small group discussions
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Complete feedback questionnaire and lunch