**The Research Cycle**

Notes:

**Questions to Ask at Each Research Stage**

**Study question and purpose**:

* Is the reason the research is being done something my community cares about?
* Is the study likely to lead to future work that is important to my community?
* Is there a different question the study could answer that is more relevant to my community?

**Study design**:

* Are the people eligible to participate able to answer the research question?
* Are there people excluded from this study who could answer the research question and should be eligible?
* Is the recruitment fair and likely to be successful? Could it be improved?
* Is the study gathering important information from participants? Are there other cancer questions that could be answered in this study by eligible participants?

**Data collection**:

* Are the asks of the participant clear, reasonable, and fair? Consider:
  + Effort and reimbursement (pay or compensation)
  + Follow-up
  + Post-study needs
* Is the consent form written in language that participants can understand?
* Why would someone in my community participate in this study?
* Why would someone in my community **not** participate, and are there ways to change this? Is this study too hard to participate in?
* Are there other benefits or outcomes participants should get from participating?

**Analysis**:

* Are there other questions about the topic that the researcher should consider?
* Do the researcher’s expected or actual results align with your understanding of the topic?
* Are there any other factors that might influence the researcher’s expected results?

**Conclusion and** **dissemination**:

* What results from this study would my community want to know about? How can I or the researcher share that information?
* Should my community be involved in this or future related studies? How?
* What do these results mean to my community?

**Study question and purpose**, future studies and follow-up:

* What suggested changes or next steps do I have for the researcher?
* What are my next steps regarding this study with the researcher or in my community?
* How will I know that I and the researcher have completed these tasks?