

Community Networks Program 2005 Summit

Opening Remarks

Dr. Nadarajen A. Vydelingum, Deputy Director
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities
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Purpose of the first Community Networks Program Summit

Bring together

- Cancer researchers
- Community partners
- NCI staff

- Share experiences
- Discuss principles
- Consider practices of cancer health research

to directly benefit local communities

CRCHD Program Directors

Disparities Research Branch

- Ken Chu
- Frank Jackson
- Roland Garcia

Health Policy Branch

- Barbara Wingrove
- Emmanuel Taylor
- Leslie Cooper

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CRCHD Staff

- Dionne Burt
- Jane Daye
- Francis Mahaney
- Tarsha McCrae
- Traci Mitchell
- Mary Ann Van Duyn

Interns

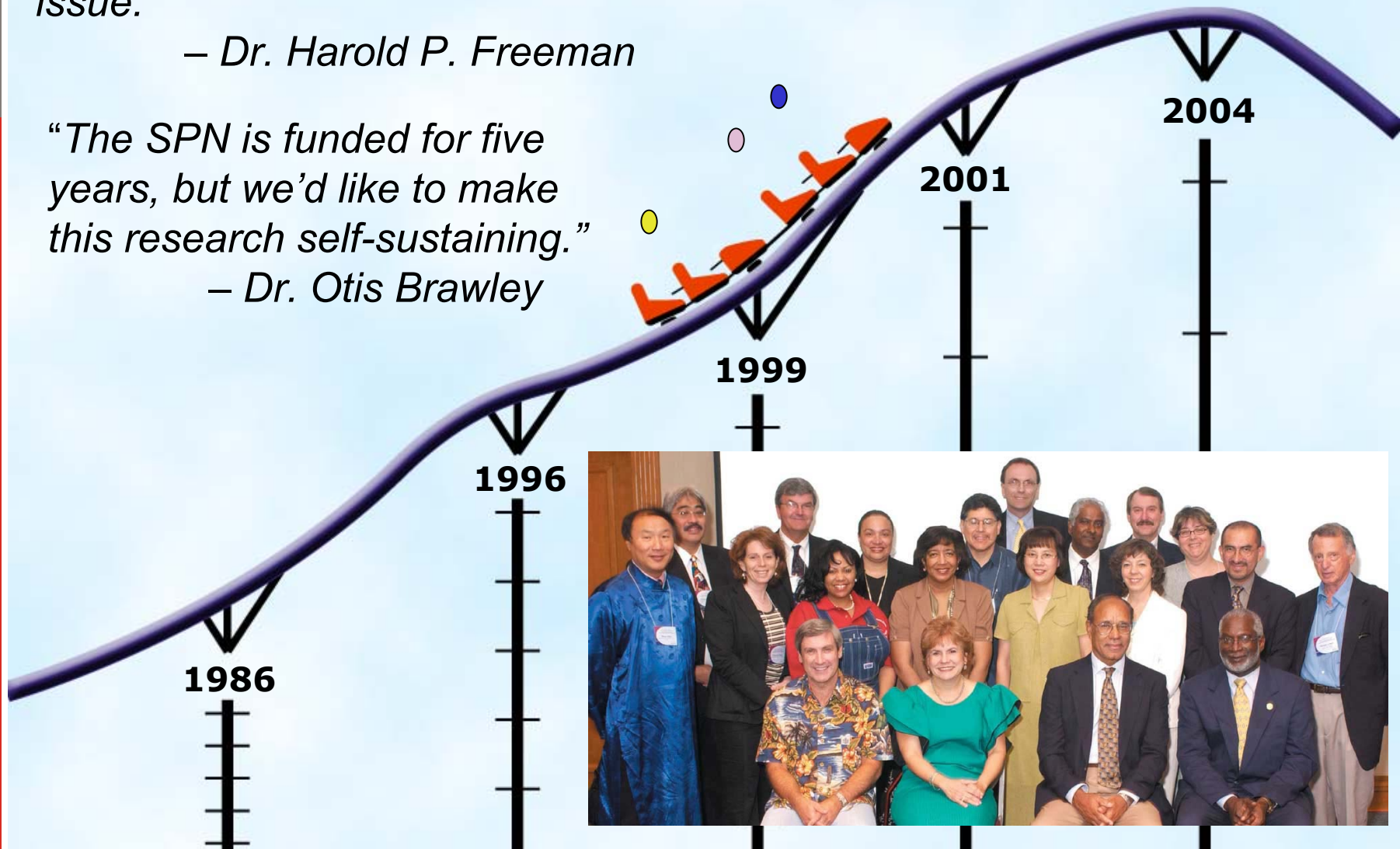
- Bonny Bloodgood
- Kimberly Henderson
- Carmella Kahn
- Marlesa Moore

The cancer problem in America is “not just a scientific and medical issue, but a moral and ethical issue.”

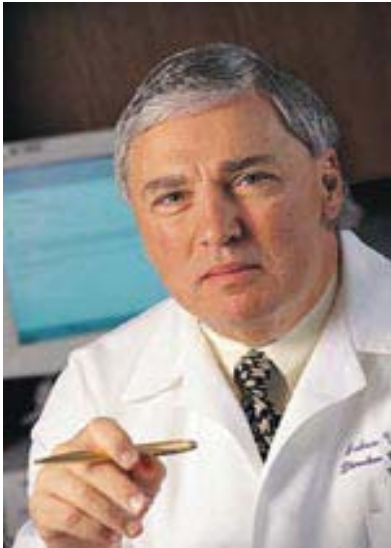
– Dr. Harold P. Freeman

“The SPN is funded for five years, but we’d like to make this research self-sustaining.”

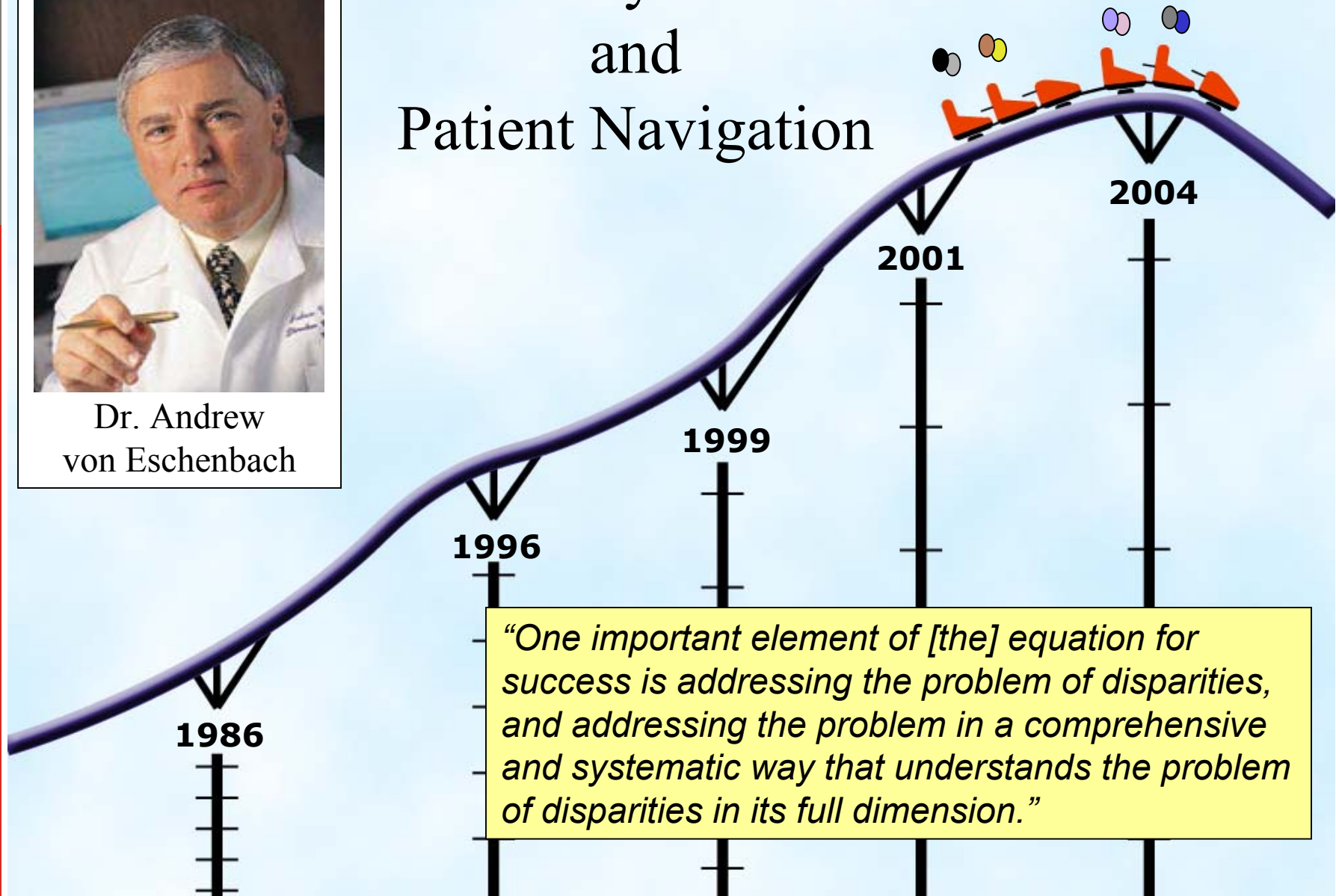
– Dr. Otis Brawley



Community Networks and Patient Navigation



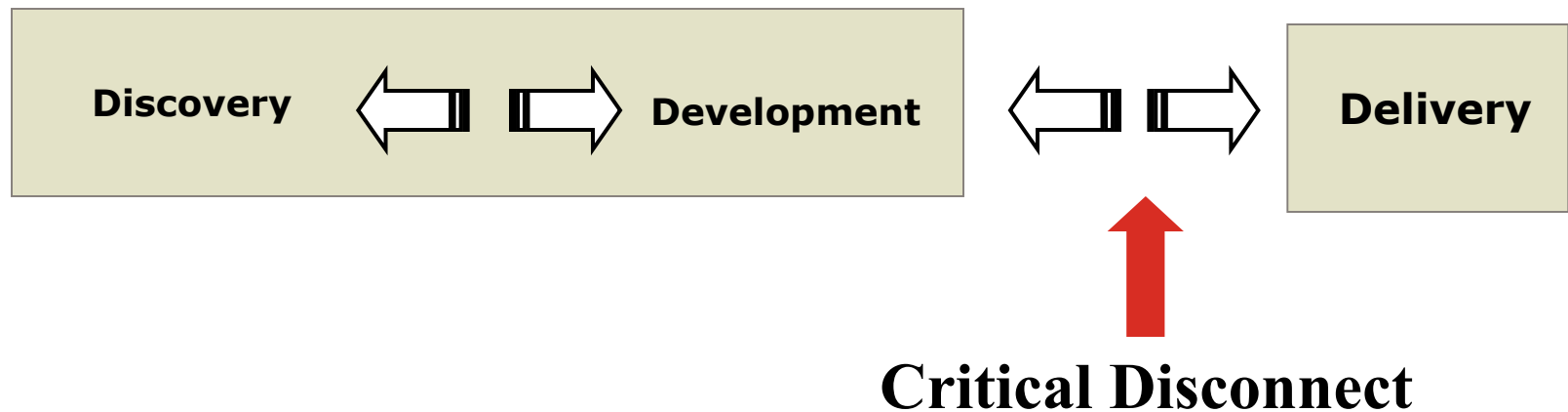
Dr. Andrew
von Eschenbach



Community Networks Program

- Purpose: Reduce cancer disparities in the community through community-based participatory education, research, and training among racial/ethnic minorities and underserved populations
- Goal: Significantly improve access to and utilization of beneficial cancer interventions

The Discovery-Delivery Disconnect

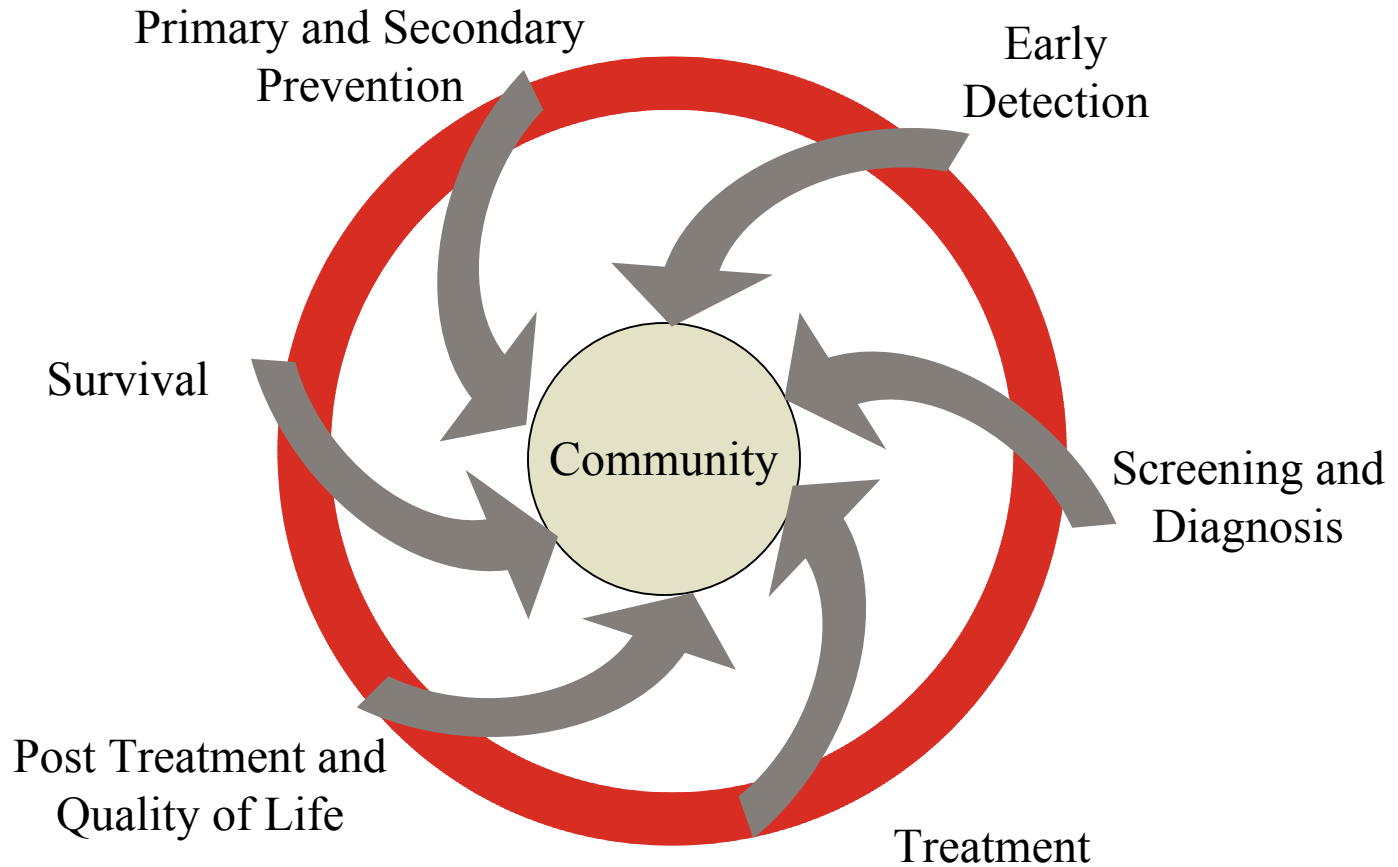


This *discovery to delivery* “disconnect” is a key determinant of the unequal burden of cancer.

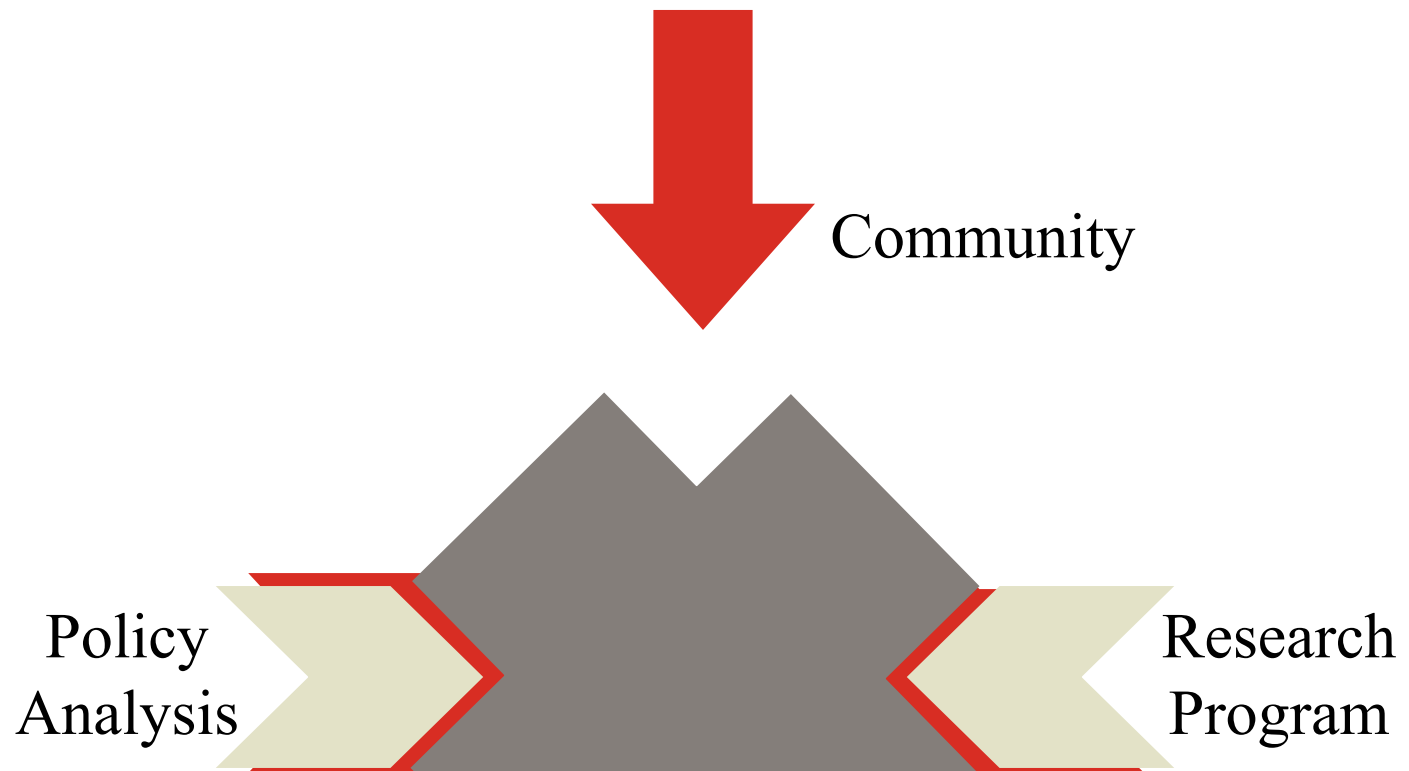
Barriers to Accessing Cancer Information and Care

- Financial Barriers
(i.e., uninsured and underinsured)
- Information and Education Barriers
- Systems Barriers
(e.g., lost laboratory results, “provider shopping”)
- Physical/Geographical Barriers
- Culture and Bias

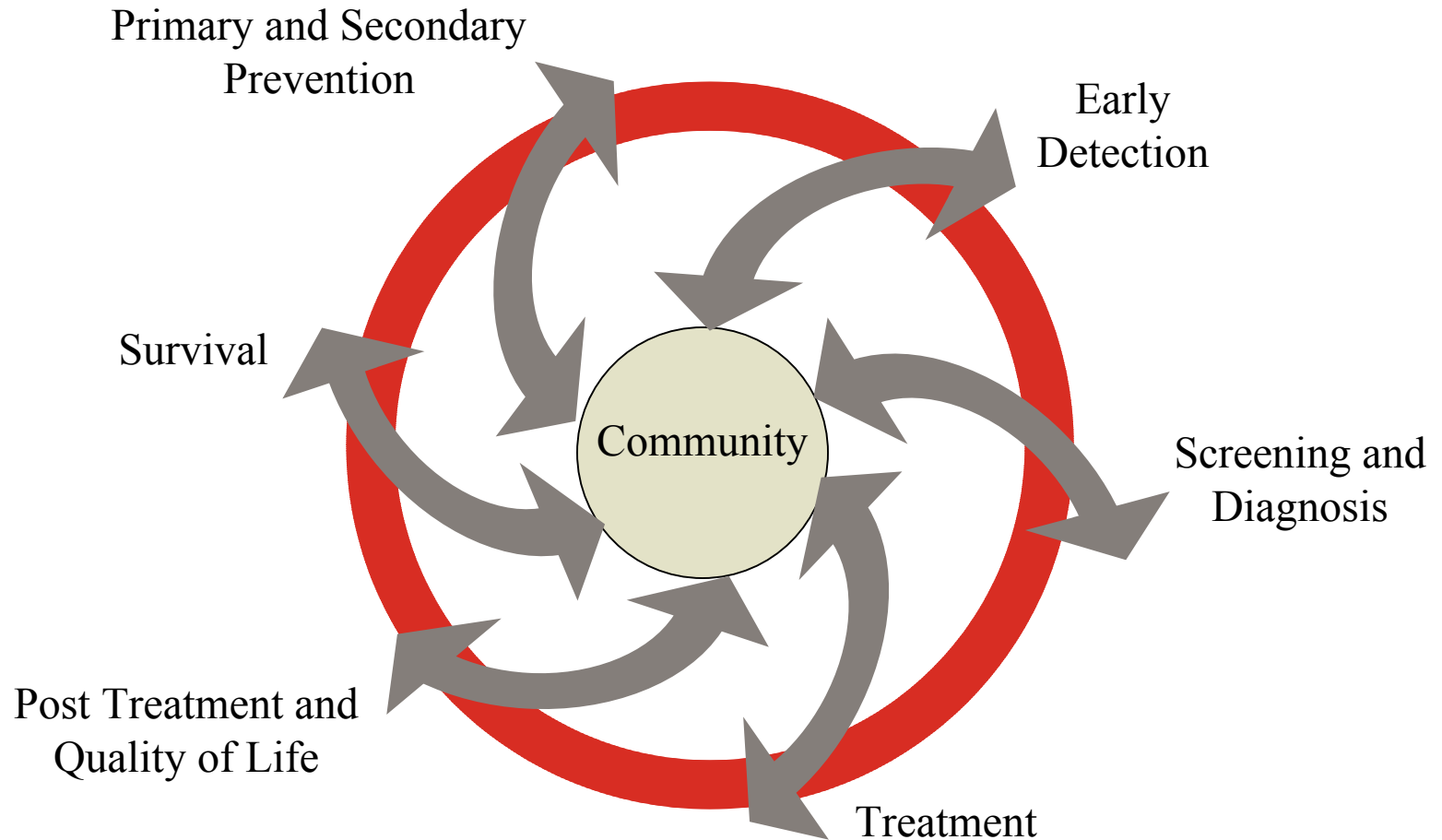
Conventional Approach to Research



Community Involvement as a Catalyst for Reducing Health Disparities



Ideal Approach to Research



Community Involvement – A Key Element in Research

...successful community innovations can provide a lens for viewing how to redesign care delivery systems, and involving community stakeholders would help mobilize the next round of quality improvement efforts.

The 1st Annual Crossing the Quality Chasm Summit: A Focus on Communities,
Institute of Medicine, National Academies Press, Washington, DC, 2004.

Community Involvement – A Key Element in Research – *cont.*

Communities can also serve as “laboratories of innovation” to assess what does and does not work before a policy is adopted nationally. Additionally, working at the community level can strengthen the interface between the personal and the population-based health systems.

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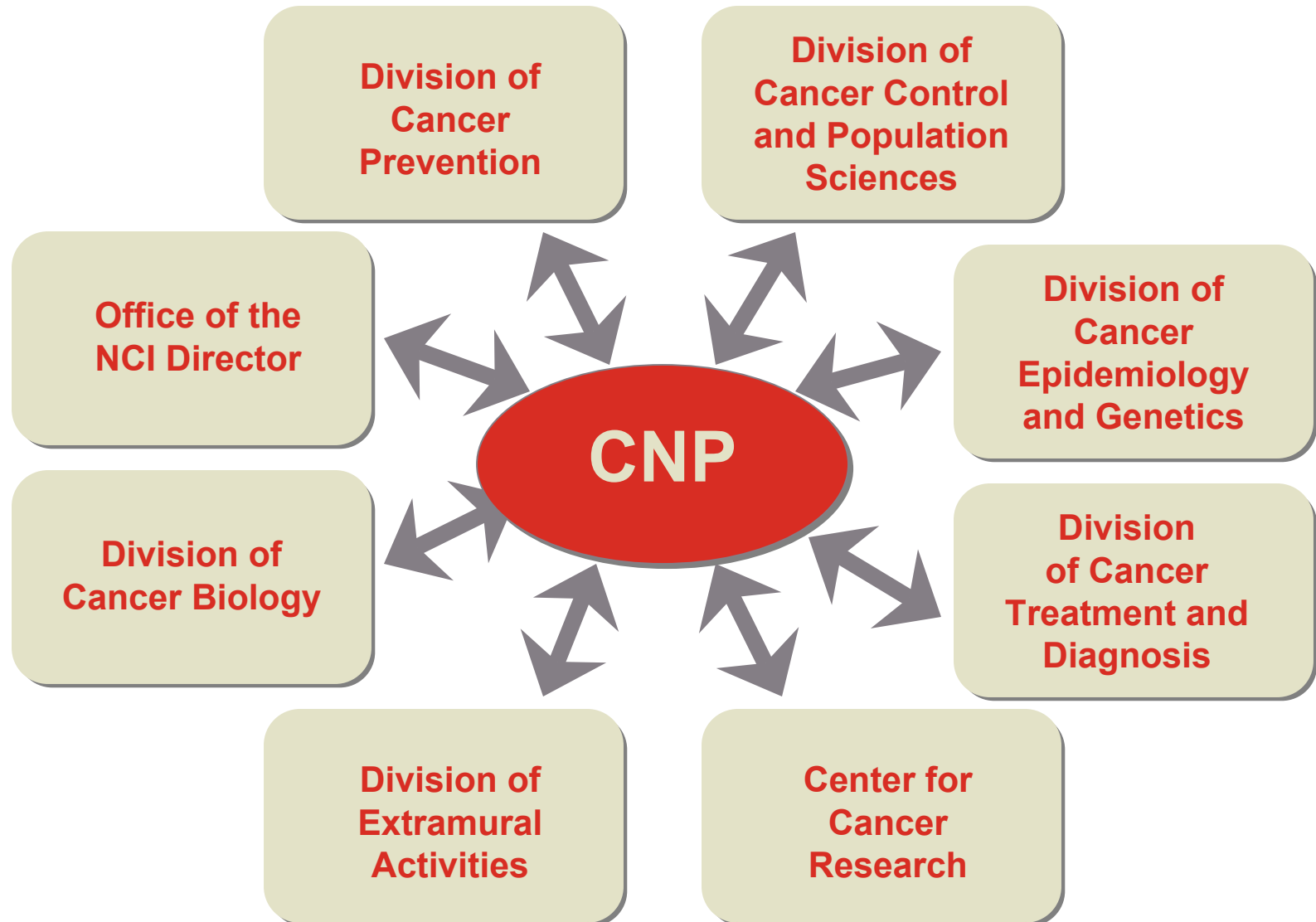
“We’ve made great progress in reducing the suffering and death caused by cancer, and the Community Networks Program will help us reduce those even further in minority communities.... I believe that by supporting community-based approaches to close the health gap, we can make a big difference in our neighborhoods and in our Nation.”



**Secretary
Michael Leavitt**

– Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt during a press conference on May 6, 2005 announcing the Community Networks Program

Collaborations with NCI Centers, Divisions, and Offices



“The gap between what we know and what we do is lethal.”