



## The Imperative of Diverse Voices and Collaborative Decision-Making

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## From Cacophony to Symphony

This summit stands on the shoulders of hundreds of people from remarkably diverse personal and professional backgrounds, who gave their time over years through the steering committee, session planning teams, advisory and work groups, pre-summit projects, and LEAD Coalition meetings, teleconferences and roundtables.

Among equals, the most important voices always were those of people living with dementia or caregiving who have shaped this summit through service on the steering committee and advisory groups, and through decades of research projects and testimony about their wants, needs and human rights.



## From Inclusive Research to Transforming the Lived Experience

As the summit has done, the best research brings together diverse voices in collaborative decision-making to:

- develop concepts
- advance research
- drive implementation
- measure and evaluate outcomes
- translate and scale to ensure inclusion of all communities in progress.



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From the outset and through the research process, principal investigators should build interdisciplinary teams to ensure the work is methodologically sound and likely to result in both widespread real-world utilization and meaningful quality of life improvements.

Interdisciplinary teams can start with:

- Caregivers and people living with dementia
- Ethicists
- Economists and statisticians
- Business experts
- Social service providers
- Policy-makers and payers

# Working “With,” Not “For”



# Thank You!





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