

# NIH Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD)

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## Overview

- Purpose of the original RFA
- Examples of science from the centers
- Goals for next round of funding

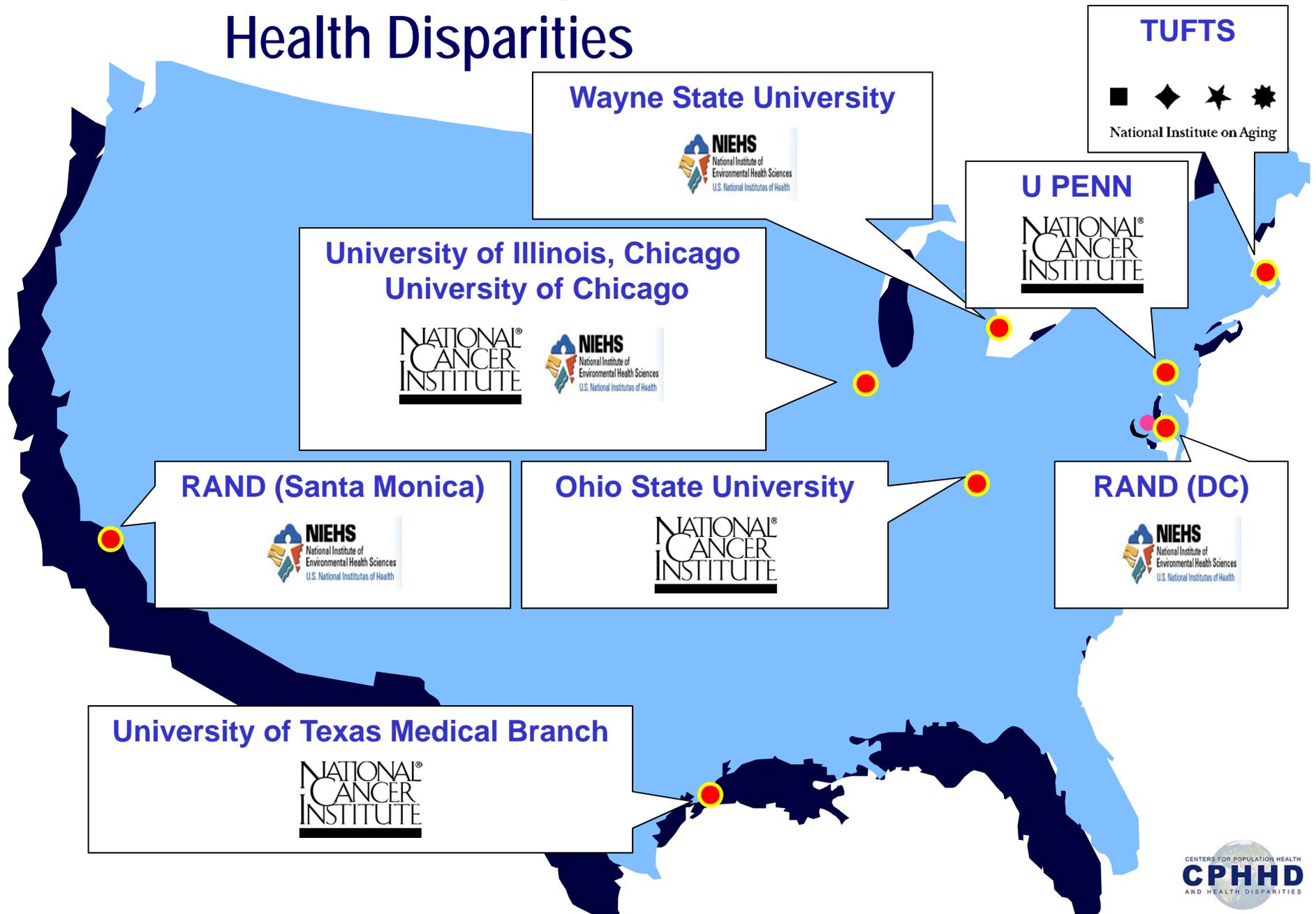
## Health Disparities

- A longstanding public health problem
  - A feature of many diseases
  - Increasing disparities over time
  - Causes are multi-level, complex, and their inter-relationships are poorly understood
  - Usual models investigate a narrow range of topics or causes and involve single disciplines
- New paradigms needed

## Mission of the Original CPHHD

- Integrate the biological, genetic, behavioral, and population sciences to provide novel insights about health disparities.
- Develop innovative new models & methods that can simultaneously account for multiple factors and multiple levels.
- Involve affected communities in addressing these disparities.

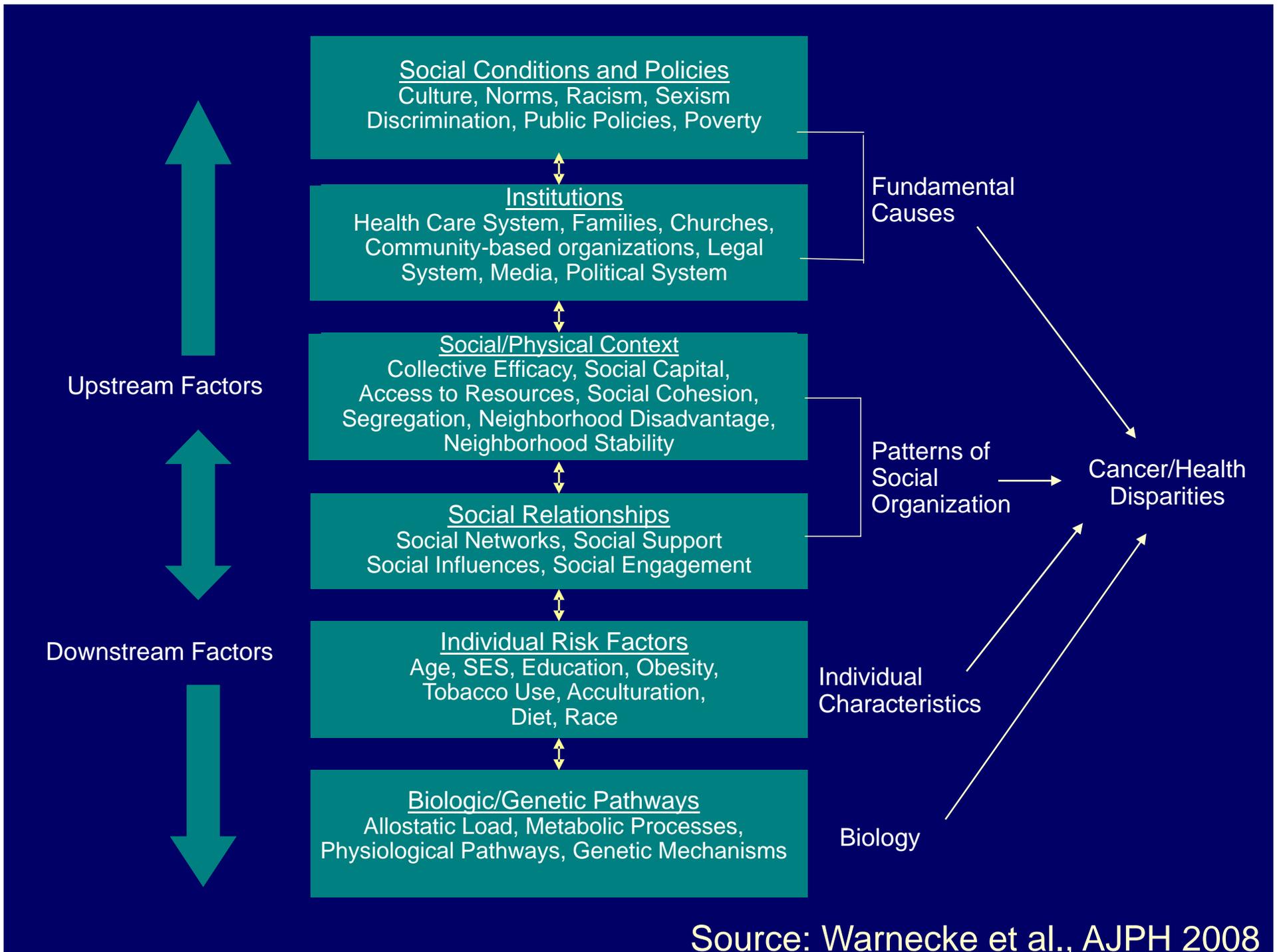
# Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities



## Centers by Sex, Race, Disease, & Social Factors

Center	Sex	Race/ Ethnicity	Social Factors	Disease/ Outcomes
UIC	F	AA/W/H	Inner city – Low	Breast Cancer
UC	F	AA/Africa	Inner city - Low	Breast Cancer
Penn	M	AA	Inner city	Prostate Cancer
OSU	F	White	Rural – Low	Cervical Cancer
Tufts	F/M	Hispanic	Inner city	Diab/MetSynd
UTMB	F/M	Hispanic	Border	Ca/MetSynd
WSU	F/M	AA	Inner city – Low	CVD/MetSynd
RAND	F/M	All	Inner city – Rural	Inflammatory markers

MetSynd=Metabolic Syndrome; Low = Low socioeconomic status



Source: Warnecke et al., AJPH 2008



Social Conditions and Policies  
Culture, Norms, Racism, Sexism  
Discrimination, Public Policies, Poverty

Institutions  
Health Care System, Families, Churches,  
Community-based organizations, Legal  
System, Media, Political System

Fundamental  
Causes

- Zeigler-Johnson (2004) *CYP3A4, CYP3A5, and CYP3A43 Genotypes and Haplotypes in the Etiology and Severity of Prostate Cancer. Cancer Research.*
- Rennert (2005) Association of Susceptibility Alleles in *ELAC2/HPC2, RNASEL/HPC1, and MSR1* with Prostate Cancer Severity in European-American and African-American Men. *CEBP.*
- Wang (2005) Evaluating bias due to population stratification in epidemiologic studies of gene-gene or gene-environment interactions. *CEBP.*
- Rebbeck (2008) Effects of Inflammation and Androgen Metabolism on Prostate Cancer Severity. *Int J Cancer.*

Biologic/Genetic Pathways  
Allostatic Load, Metabolic Processes,  
Physiological Pathways, Genetic Mechanisms

Biology



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- Spangler (2005) Association of prostate cancer family history with histopathological and clinical characteristics of prostate cancer. *Int J Can.*
- Spangler (2007). Association of Obesity With Tumor Characteristics and Treatment Failure of Prostate Cancer in African-American and European American Men. *J Urol.*

Individual Risk Factors  
Age, SES, Education, Obesity,  
Tobacco Use, Acculturation,  
Diet, Race

Individual  
Characteristics

Biologic/Genetic Pathways  
Allostatic Load, Metabolic Processes,  
Physiological Pathways, Genetic Mechanisms

Biology

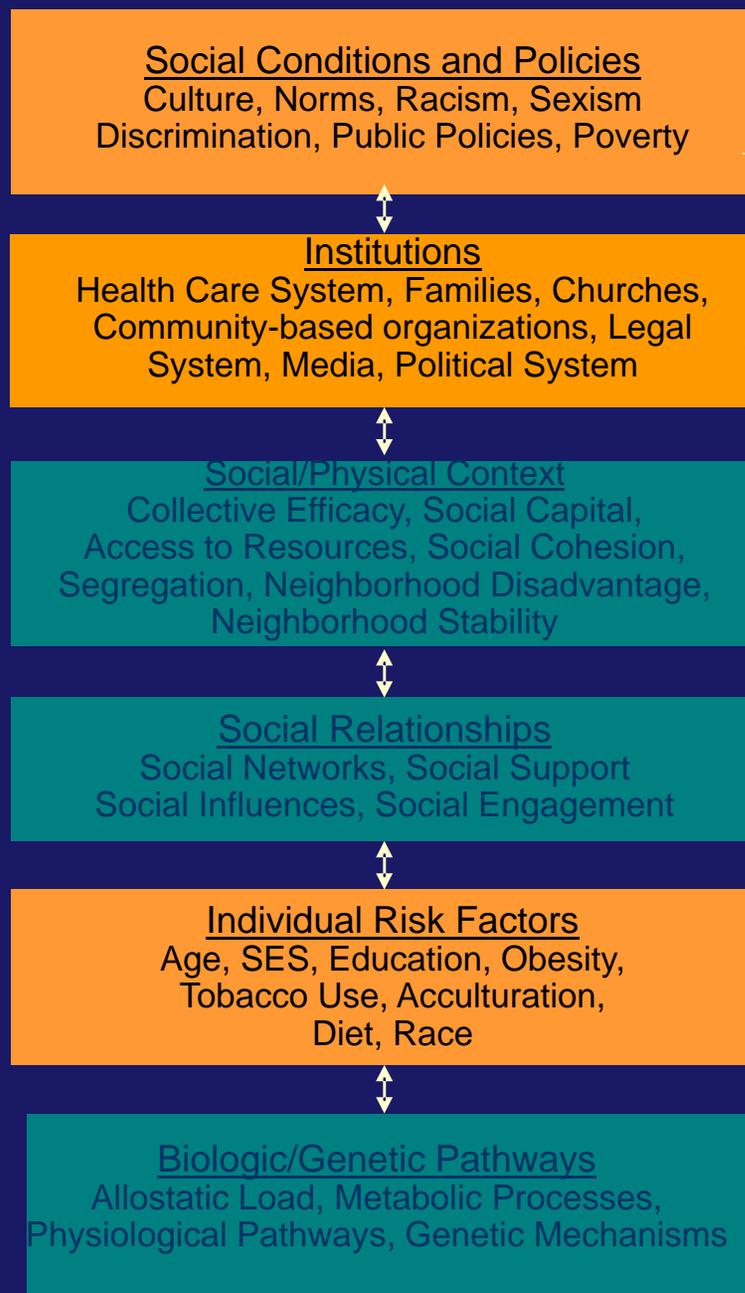
Downstream Factors



Upstream Factors

Downstream Factors

Halbert (2006)  
Transdisciplinary  
approaches to  
ameliorating racial  
disparities in prostate  
cancer outcomes.  
*Journal of Health  
Disparities Research  
and Practice.*



Upstream Factors



Downstream Factors

Wong (2006)  
Survival Associated  
with Treatment vs.  
Observation of  
Localized Prostate  
Cancer in Elderly Men.  
JAMA



Armstrong (2008)  
Racial residential  
segregation and racial  
disparities in prostate  
cancer treatment and  
mortality. In Press.



Upstream Factors

Downstream Factors

Individual  
Characteristics

Biology

# Prostate Cancer African American and White

Joint Effects of Genotype and Neighborhood SES on BF

Neighborhood Characteristic	Neighborhood Value	Effect of <i>RNASEL</i> R462Q
% of Total Population Below Poverty Level	>10%	<b>6.11 (1.41-26.56)</b>
	≤10%	2.01 (0.79-5.13)
Per Capita Income in 1999	≤\$30,000	<b>7.12 (1.66-30.45)</b>
	>\$30,000	0.85 (0.26-2.75)
% High School Graduates	≤90%	<b>4.17 (1.15-15.16)</b>
	>90%	1.26 (0.38-4.14)

Source: Rebbeck, Spangler et al. In prep.

# Breast Cancer African American Women – Low SES

Race = Poverty, Disruption, &  
Neighborhood Crime



Isolation, Acquired Vigilance, &  
Depression



Stress Hormone Dynamics

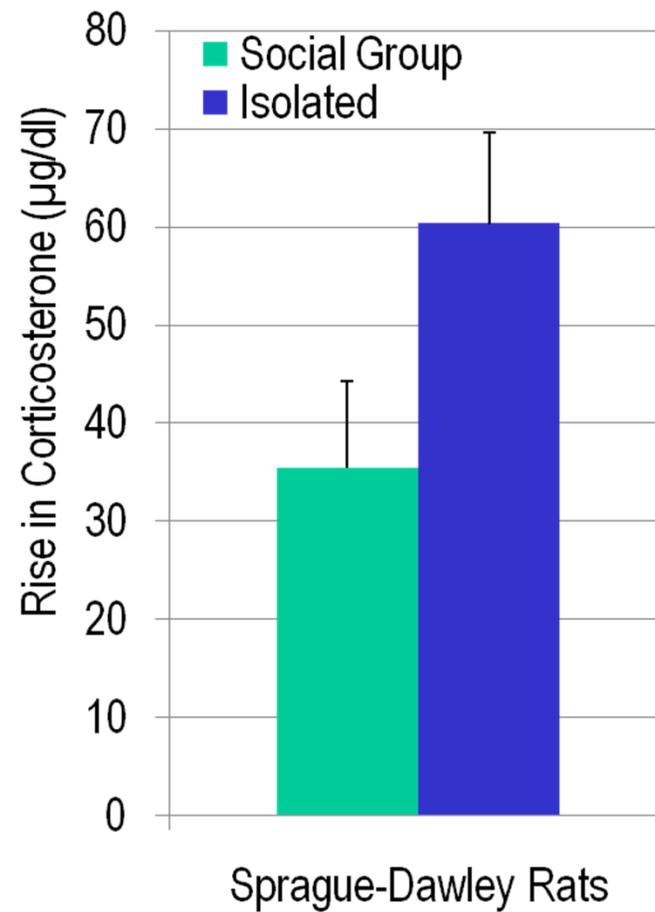
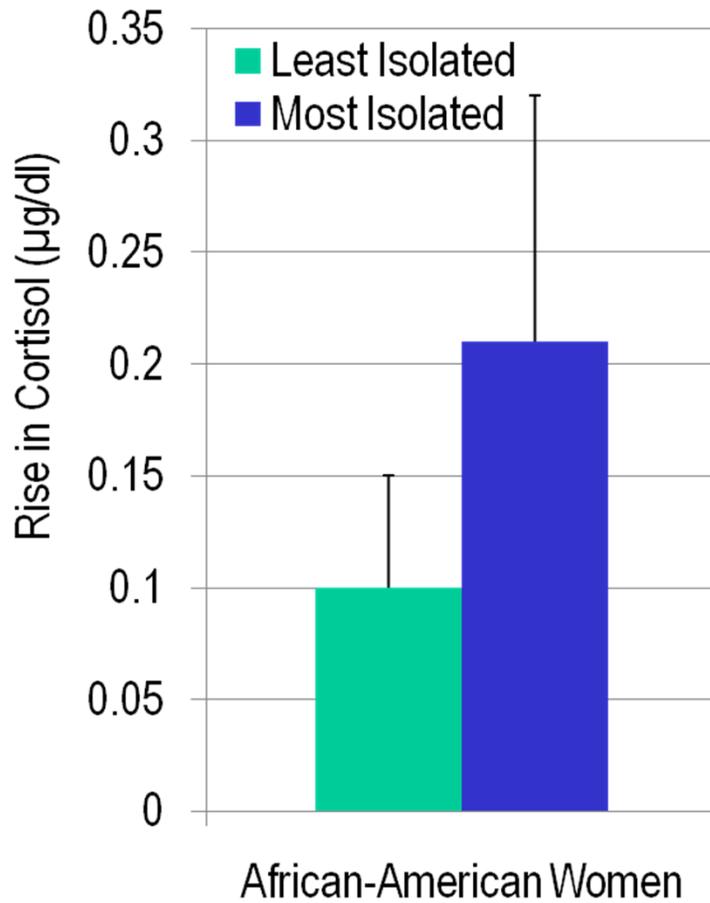


Cell Survival &  
Tumor Development





# Social Isolation and Cortisol Response



Source: Gehlert, McClintock, Conzen, In Prep

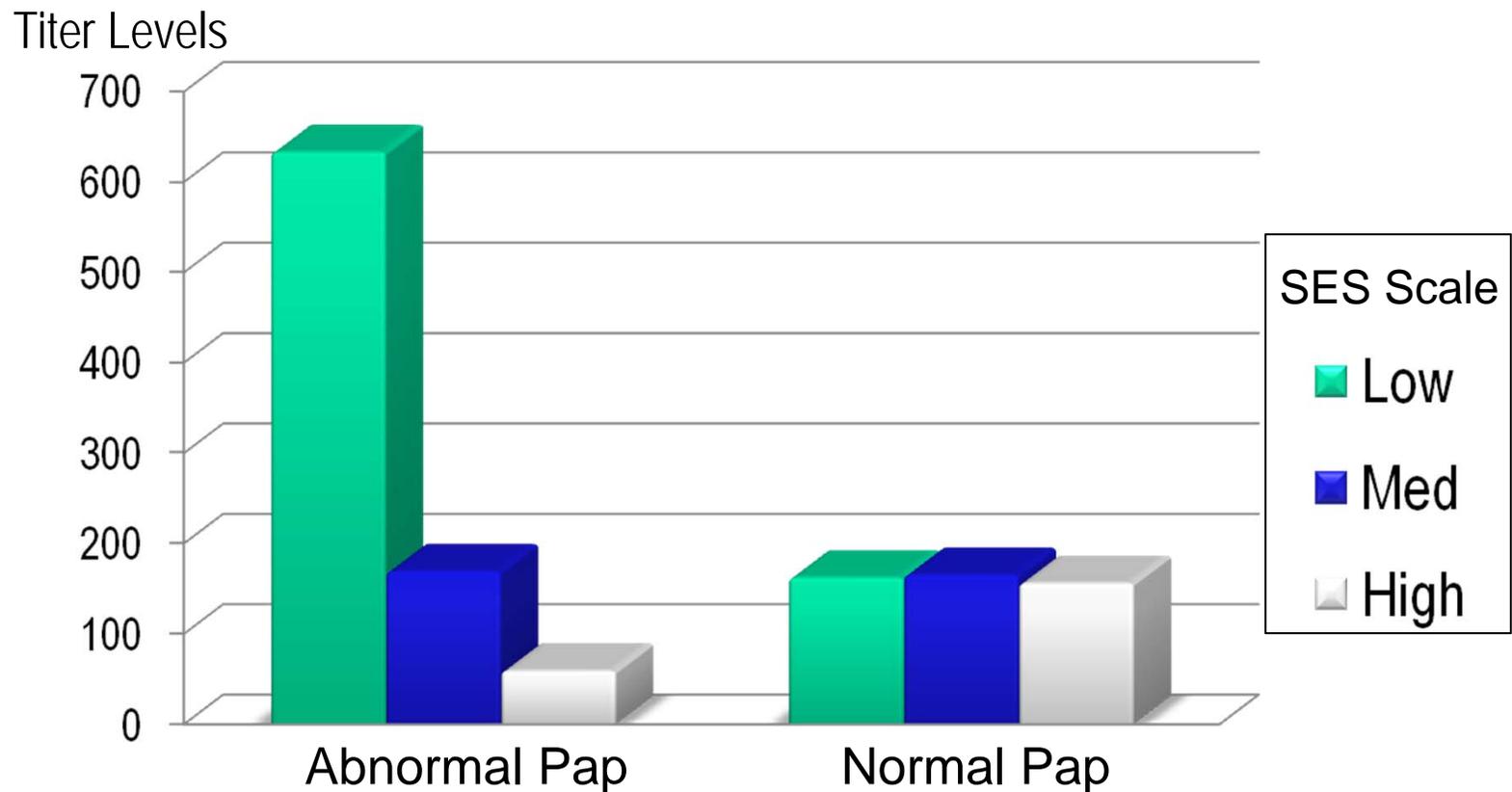
## Model of Neighborhood Gentrification and Late Stage Breast Cancer-1994–2000

	<b>Odds ratio</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>p Value</b>
Low SES	1.23	(1.12, 1.36)	<0.001
High SES	0.86	(0.79, 0.93)	<0.001
Concentration of Immigrants	1.11	(1.02, 1.21)	0.020
Gentrification	1.09	(1.01, 1.18)	0.029
Age	1.01	(1.01, 1.02)	<0.001
African American	1.24	(1.03, 1.48)	0.022
Hispanic	0.71	(0.53, 0.95)	0.019

Source: Barret et al. Annals of Epi. 2008

## Cervical Cancer - White Women - Rural

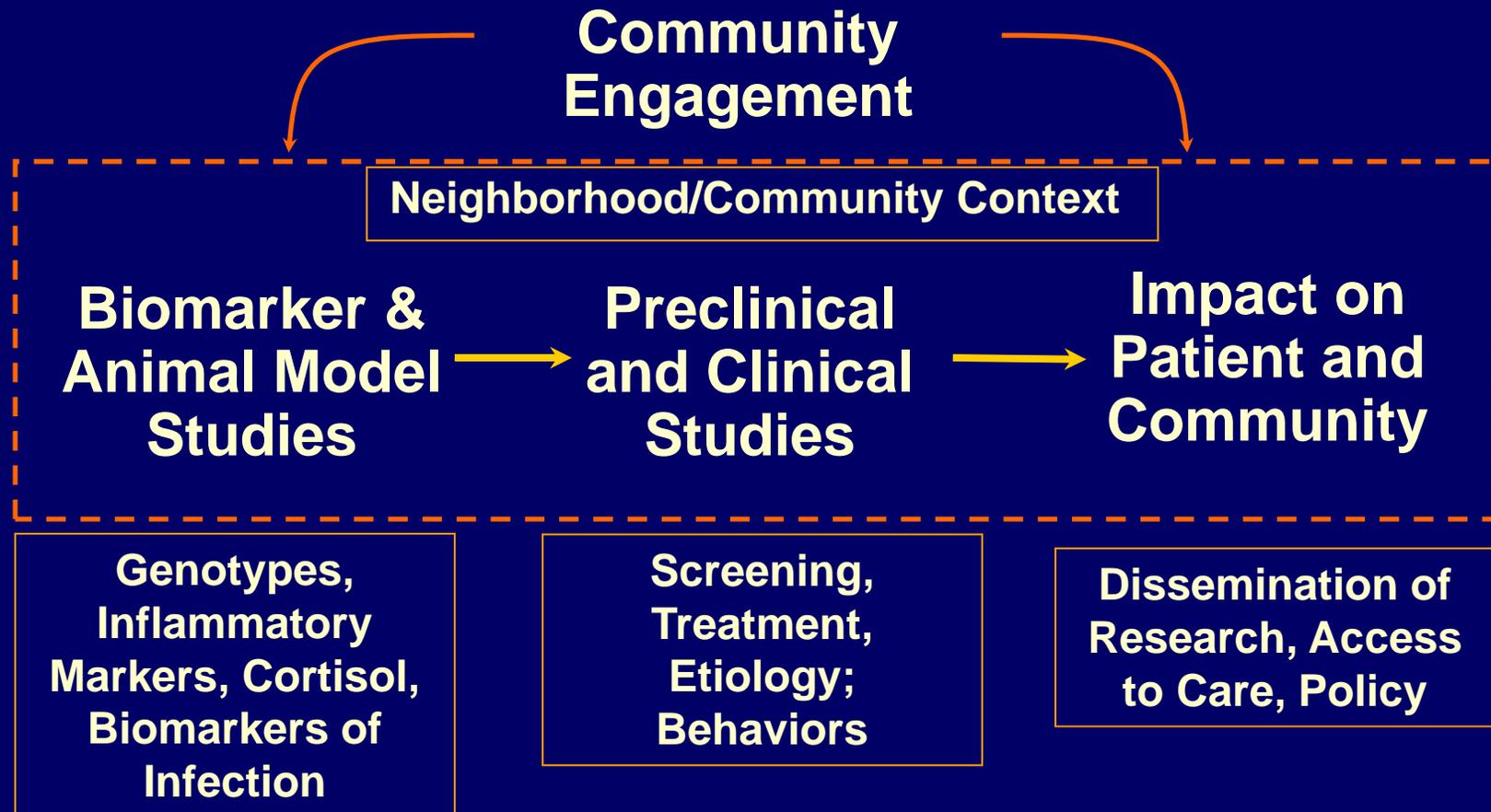
EBV VCA-IgG Titers\*: Stratified Analyses - SES Scale



\*Adjusted for age, region and HPV status;  $p < .05$  for interaction

Source: Paskett et al In prep

# ***CPHHD Transdisciplinary Research Framework: Emerging Cross-Center Themes***



## Evaluation - Outcomes

- Number of Publications
- Leveraged Funding
  
- Transdisciplinary Team Science
- Dissemination of the Science
  - AACR/CRCHD Meeting - November 2007
  - Natcher Auditorium NIH-wide Symposium February 2008
  
- Internal Steering Committee

## Goals

- Focus on testing hypotheses that relate to further understanding the pathways and interactions among multiple social and physical environmental determinants and their physiological pathways
- **Two new components**
  - Include the training of the next generation
  - Develop interventions based on scientific evidence

## Scope

- Trans-NIH collaboration – NCI, NIA, NHLBI, OBSSR
- Unique scientific agenda to develop new models to
  - Understand pathways
  - Develop interventions
  - Inform other initiatives at NCI and NIH
- Each center will be required to incorporate
  - basic sciences (including biology and genetics),
  - social, behavioral, and population sciences, and
  - **clinical sciences**

## Advantages of P50 Centers

- Promote transdisciplinary team science
- Synergy of multiple disciplines
- Facilitate examination of complex multilevel research questions
- Train the next generation within the context of team health disparities research
  
- Ability of NCI to develop steering committees to enhance the science – across the divisions
- Coordinate activities across NIH

## NIH Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities (CPHHD)

Number of NCI Funded Centers: 5  
Total NCI Budget: \$10 million per year

Total Number of NIH Centers: 8-10  
Total NIH Budget: \$20 million per year

Total Number of years: 5



**Cells to Society:  
Overcoming Health Disparities**