## TIMOTHY A. JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES

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## "It takes a village..." Advancing Health Equity Through Clinical and Translational Science

Significant health disparities exist in rural and underserved communities. Rural areas have higher rates of chronic diseases and face many challenges, including transportation, connectivity, and isolation. Engaging these communities through collaborations between academic medical centers and community partner organizations is key to advancing health equity. Community Driven Research Days, Project ECHO, and other innovative and collaborative approaches to engagement can activate and give community partners a voice in addressing leading county health concerns in partnership with academic institutional strengths. Penn State CTSI's goal is to provide the infrastructure for training, technical assistance, and facilitation of research collaborations and workforce development opportunities in an effort to guide rural communities in evidence-based, community-led health interventions within their identified health priority areas.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5, at 5:30 p.m.

