In this session, we will review some of the barriers to improving the integration of implementation research into service guidelines development. In addition, we will review the results of a recent systematic assessment of which implementation strategies have been used and where there are opportunities to engage different actors and targets for intervention strategies. Community engaged research is considered critical in improving implementation research and I will share a recent assessment of the facilitators and barriers to more effective partnerships between community groups and academic institutions in the context of HIV research. Finally, implementation researchers are deeply committed to real world impacts of their research. To this end, we will assess the “velocity” of implementation research data and opportunities for improving the real world impacts of our work.