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1. Introduction

- Community assessment is the systematic process of identifying a community's health needs and resources.
- It forms the basis for planning effective interventions.

2. Purpose

- Identifies priority health problems and at-risk groups.
- Reveals available assets, services, and gaps.
- Guides evidence-based program planning and resource allocation.

3. Data Collection Methods

- **Quantitative data:** surveys, vital statistics, and surveillance records.
- **Qualitative data:** interviews, focus groups, and community meetings.
- Windshield surveys and direct observation describe the environment.

4. Components Assessed

- Demographics, health status, and disease patterns.
- Social, economic, and environmental conditions.
- Community resources, infrastructure, and capacity.

5. Significance

- Ensures interventions match real community needs.
- Promotes participation, ownership, and sustainable health improvement.