1. **Involve the community**  
in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of research including clinical care components and services

2. **Determine the elements of standard of care**  
The specific issues to be addressed in a particular research setting or community need to be clearly defined prior to the start of the research

3. **Form partnerships**  
with MoH, communities, church and faith-based organisations, youth groups, CBOs, NGOs, donors and development partners to ensure efficient and effective referral systems are established

4. **Provide proven prevention and care**  
Researchers have an obligation to ensure that clinical care provided through any new or existing research project is evidence-based i.e. proven in clinical trials to be effective for HIV prevention and care in resource-poor settings

5. **Ensure benefits to both participants and community**  
Researchers and communities should explore ways in which enhanced services for trial participants could be more broadly accessible to ensure equity and prevent dual standards of care

6. **Link research to enhancing justice**  
Research projects have a moral obligation to progressively ratchet up standards of health care in developing countries in order to start reversing the gross injustice of global disparities in health between rich and poor

7. **Increase funding**  
Researchers and funding agencies should allocate a greater proportion of research funds for improved SoC in the resource-poor settings in which research is to be conducted