San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network
A partnership of community clinicians, practices and UCSF
SF Bay CRN eNews – Fall, 2011

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the SF Bay CRN eNews, a quarterly electronic newsletter for friends and members of the San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network (SF Bay CRN). In this first issue, we want to re-introduce you to SF Bay CRN, tell you about our small grants program, and let you know about the success of an outstanding collaboration between Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and the UCSF School of Dentistry.

SF Bay CRN: Who are we?

The San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network (SF Bay CRN) is a primary care practice-based research network designed to encourage, facilitate, and lead mutually beneficial practice-based research partnerships between UCSF researchers and community-based primary care organizations, practices, and clinicians in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Our members include community-based clinicians, practices, health care organizations, and UCSF faculty who are interested in developing research partnerships that can improve health outcomes in diverse communities.

What ties us together is our belief that, in order to have more evidence-based practice, we need more practice-based evidence. Practice-based evidence comes from research that embraces the perspectives and needs of community clinicians and the patients that they serve.

SF Bay CRN is part of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute's Community Engagement and Health Policy Program.

SF Bay CRN: What do we do?

SF Bay CRN strives to support the development of practice-based research partnerships at all stages of the relationship-building process. We provide practice-based research education, linkage, and consultation services for both community-based and university-based members. Consultation meetings can be provided in person at UCSF or in the community. We also run a small grants program to help seed new partnerships, publicize other practice-based research opportunities, and disseminate the results of our projects to our members.

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SF Bay CRN Small Grants to Build Community-Initiated Research Partnerships

In 2010/2011, together with CTSis Clinical Research Services program, the SF Bay CRN began funding small grants to build community-initiated research partnerships. We funded four projects which linked together network members with UCSF faculty across a range of topics, including pediatric oral health, asthma medication adherence, and clinic system quality improvement work in two different counties.
We are continuing with another round of partnership grants to build research capacity and support the development of research partnerships between UCSF and community-based members of SF Bay CRN. If you’re interested in applying, email our staff for more details. The deadline for submission is January 11th, 2012.

**Spotlight on SF Bay CRN Partnerships: Diane Dooley, MD and Peggy Walsh, PhD**

The 2010/2011 cycle of research partnership grants included support for a partnership between Drs. Diane Dooley and Peggy Walsh, whose team continues to work on fluoride varnish applications in Contra Costa County safety net clinics.

We recently had a chance to sit down with Dooley and Walsh to discuss working with each other, and the support they received from the SF Bay CRN. [Click here to watch.](#)

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