Dear Colleagues and Friends,

SF Bay CRN eNews is a quarterly newsletter for San Francisco Area Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN) members. SFBayCRN facilitates practice-based research partnerships between researchers, clinicians, and clinical practice groups at UCSF and in the greater Bay Area. Members include primary care physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and other primary health care disciplines. We offer free initial consultations for our members. For more information visit and bookmark our web page: www.sfbaycrn.org.

2015 UCSF CTSI Symposium on Comparative Effectiveness Research
Save the date and register for a discussion of PCORI priorities and opportunities!
Featured speaker Joe Selby, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) addresses investigators, stakeholders, patients, and community on the landscape of comparative effectiveness research (CER). The event will also feature presentations from national leaders on CER, a description of resources at UCSF to support CER, and networking opportunities. Meeting Time: Tuesday, January 13th, 1-5pm at UCSF’s Laurel Heights Campus. To register, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CER2015

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) survey identifies needs of SFBayCRN members
Results: Many are willing to prescribe it, if given adequate support and training
Last spring, we administered an online questionnaire about the use of PrEP for as prevention for HIV patients to a subset of SFBayCRN members practicing in San Francisco and nearby counties. Of the 99 clinicians completing the questionnaire, 91% had heard of PrEP and 26% had prescribed it. 65% of providers said they would be interested in additional training or mentoring on using PrEP. Respondents indicated a desire for more information about frequency of HIV testing, what lab tests should be performed and who is eligible for PrEP. Respondents generally preferred training and mentoring on these subjects through an online portal, an opportunity that study leader Oliver Bacon, MD, MPH and colleagues hope to pursue for us here in the bay area in the future.

Study identifies approaches for patient engagement in practice transformation
Thanks to leaders from over 100 community health centers who participated!
We received a fantastic response to our patient engagement needs assessment survey in July. The responses will provide a rich description of the approaches that community health centers are using to engage patients in practice improvement and redesign. Results will be shared with our members when available. Congratulations to Dr. Douglas Jimenez, from Southwest Community Health Center in Santa Rosa for winning our grand prize (an iPad Mini) in a drawing for study participants!

SFBayCRN small grant report
CARECEN’s promotora partnership supports linkages with community clinics
SFBayCRN provided a small grant to train promotoras (community health workers) from the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) in concepts, myths, and recommendations around breast feeding for use in their work with expectant mothers. CARECEN is now exploring linkages with clinical sites in San Francisco County to work together to improve infant and children’s nutrition and oral health and to evaluate the potential impact of promotoras on clinical care for this important population.

We would love to hear from you! Contact us by email: Michael Potter, MD – Director, James Rouse Ilíñiguez, MA – Program Coordinator. Or visit us at http://www.sfbaycrn.org.