San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network

A partnership of community clinicians, practices and UCSF

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to SF Bay CRN eNews, a quarterly newsletter for friends and members of the San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network (SF Bay CRN). SF Bay CRN facilitates practice-based research partnerships between researchers, clinicians, and clinical practice groups at UCSF and in the San Francisco Bay Area. Our members include primary care physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and other primary health care disciplines. SF Bay CRN is a program of UCSF’s Community Engagement and Health policy Program and UCSF’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute. For more information, visit and bookmark our web page: www.sfbaycrn.org.

SF Bay CRN Member Survey Results:

Over 500 respondents and counting!

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our member survey. Our results so far show us to be a very diverse community of clinical leaders and researchers. For a summary of some results to date, you can click on this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=jWRZwa8PT3HKOBg3Pn5Xzi7Y8ynPPlmRUXWLUgmlNvw_3d

If you have not yet responded to our 5 minute survey, please do so before May 1 to be eligible for our drawing to win a free iPad Mini. Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7SCYRW3. We also invite you to circulate this survey link to SF Bay Area colleagues who may be interested in joining our network or receiving our newsletters.

New NIH-funded Project to Help Practices with Patient-Centered Diabetes Care

Project will recruit practices to test new approaches to support diabetes self-management

In this new project, led by Lawrence Fisher, PhD and UCSF’s Behavioral Diabetes Research Group, SF Bay CRN Practices will compare three evidence-based interventions to assist practices to implement and sustain diabetes self-management support over time. Participating sites will receive several benefits, including comprehensive education, free CME, resources that contribute to NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home accreditation, an iPad for each office, and a stipend to cover practice assessment costs. The project provides a self-management support system for practices to continue using even after the project has been completed. Primary care practices that would like to learn more about this opportunity should contact Michael Potter, MD

New Major Research Partnership between UCSF School of Pharmacy and Safeway, Inc.

An Innovative Pharmacy-based Smoking Cessation Project

SF Bay CRN Steering Committee members, Robin Corelli, PharmD and Lisa Kroon, PharmD from the UCSF School of Pharmacy are leading a ground-breaking practice-based research partnership with Safeway Pharmacies to implement and evaluate a community pharmacy-based smoking cessation program that combines pharmacist counseling, non-prescription nicotine replacement therapies, and referrals to the California Smokers’ Helpline (1-800-NO-BUTTS). In the future, this partnership may expand opportunities for practice-based research involving collaboration between primary care practices and community pharmacies.
Pilot Grants from the Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC)

Three Grants of Up to $20,000 will be awarded to Minority Investigators

CDAC Director and SF Bay CRN Steering Committee Member, Eliseo Perez-Stable, MD recently announced the availability of funding for pilot studies that focus on health and health care issues in minority populations. CADC is now requesting applications or pilot studies to investigate issues of health and aging in African American, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander and American Indian populations. CADC is committed to mentoring the funded scholars during and following the study to support development of a successful research career. Applications are due on Monday, May 13. Please contact Cecilia Populus-Eudave at ceciliap@medicine.ucsf.edu for more information.

Other New Studies

Please respond to upcoming brief surveys about Prostate Health

Some of you will be receiving invitations to participate in brief surveys from SF Bay CRN researchers in the next few weeks, and we hope you will participate. One survey will relate to prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment in African American men and the other pertains to the use of medication for benign prostatic hypertrophy. Respondents will receive incentives to participate.

Do you have questions or news to share?

We would love to hear from you!

To share a story about your work with SF Bay CRN for this newsletter, contact us by email: Michael Potter, MD – Director, and James Rouse Iñiguez, MA – Program Coordinator