

San Francisco Bay Area
Collaborative Research Network

*A partnership of community clinicians,
practices and UCSF*

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome again to the San Francisco Area Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN) eNews. SFBayCRN facilitates practice-based research partnerships between researchers, clinicians, and clinical practice groups at UCSF, in the greater Bay Area and beyond. Members include primary care physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and other primary health care disciplines. We offer free initial consultations on practice-based research issues for our members. For more information visit: www.sfbaycrn.org.

Announcing the “SFBayCRN Hypertension Data Collaborative”

On December 12, we convened an all-day meeting to explore the development of new resources to facilitate quality improvement and practice based research in safety net settings. Our steering committee convened an all day retreat with leaders from UCSF’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and leaders from the **Alameda Health Network, Contra Costa Health Services, Redwood Community Health Coalition, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, and the San Francisco Health Network**. The “winning idea” was to pilot test an electronic health information network for safety net practices through a new Hypertension Data Collaborative (SFBayCRN-HDC). We just obtained CTSI funding to begin developing this infrastructure over the next several months. The SFBayCRN-HDC will take advantage of UCSF’s Academic Research Systems expertise and the medical informatics expertise from participating community health center consortia. Watch this space for updates!

New pSCANNER project will pay for your input!

Michael Steinman is working with a multicenter project called pSCANNER, which is funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). He is seeking interested clinicians and researchers with experience in heart failure and/or weight management to participate in an online consensus building process called “ExpertLens”. This process will take place over a 3-week period (1-hour/week). **Participants completing the process will be paid \$300.** The goal is to identify and prioritize research questions for their project. If interested, please contact **Rhiannon Croci** at Rhiannon.croci@ucsf.edu. The informal deadline is February 15th.

Project Update: Study completes enrollment of 18 bay area primary care sites

SFBayCRN worked closely with **Larry Fisher** and **Danielle Hessler** from UCSF’s Department of Family and Community Medicine to help them enroll 18 primary care clinics in a study of best practices to engage primary care teams in self-management support. The study is funded by NIDDK and called “Connection to Health”. The newest 9 sites to join are: **Marin Community Clinic (Larkspur, Novato, 2 sites in San Rafael); San Jose Medical Group; Sutter East Bay Family Medicine (Albany); Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Union City and Hayward); and UCSF Family Medicine Center (San Francisco)**. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Recent SFBayCRN Publications:

Nijagal M,A, Kupperman M, Nakagawa S, Cheng Y. Two Practice models in one labor and delivery unit: association with cesarean delivery rates. Am J Ob Gyn. Nov 2014. [pub ahead of print] ***In this community hospital setting, a midwife-physician laborist practice model was associated with lower cesarean rates than a private practice model.***

Spears W, Tsoh JY, Potter MB, Weller N, Brown AE, Campbell-Voytal K, Getrich CM, Pascoe J, Neale AV. Use of community engagement strategies to increase research participation in practice-based research networks (PBRNs) J Am Board Fam Pract. Nov-Dec 2014: 763-71. ***PBRNs that successfully engage racial/ethnic communities as research partners use community engagement strategies. Successful community engagement correlates with Clinical and Translational Science Award support.***