The Wisconsin Research & Education Network (WREN)

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WREN Mission

• To improve health outcomes for the people of Wisconsin through education, and through promoting and conducting primary care research in partnership with primary care clinicians and the communities they serve.
WREN Practices

- 300 members
- 200 practicing clinicians
- 59 communities
- 34 counties
- 80 clinics
- 39 health systems

Plus a listserv > 1500

- WREN full support clinic
- WREN individual clinician site
History

- Founded in 1987
  - Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) function

- Transitioned to University of Wisconsin in 2004
  - Housed within the Department of Family Medicine (DFM)
  - Supported by the UW CTSA, within the Institute for Clinical Translational Research, Community Academic Partnerships (ICTR-CAP) Core

- Governance
  - Steering committee chaired by a community clinician
ICTR-CAP Practice-based Research Networks

-- Community-Academic Aging Research Network (CAARN)
-- Pharmacy Practice Enhancement and Action Research Network (PEARL Rx)
-- Wisconsin Public Health Practice-Based Research Network (PH PBRN)
-- Wisconsin Network for Health Research (WiNHR)
-- Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN)
Other ICTR-CAP Programs

Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE) - Underserved community partnerships
Community Health Connections - Community engagement
Health Innovation Program (HIP) - Health services research
The Health Policy Group - Non-partisan, evidence-based information provider to policy makers
Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Resource - Consultation services
School of Engineering Simulation Center - Decision-analytical modeling
Sonderegger Research Center - Pharmacy research
Systems Engineering Initiative for Patient Safety (SEIPS) - Human factors engineering
Wisconsin Network for Research Support - Consultation on readablility/accessability of materials
- CARDS (Community Advisors on Research Design and Strategies)
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Steering Committee

• Kari Lathrop-Capaul MD, community clinician, Chairperson
• Paul Treder APNP, community clinician, Vice-Chair
• Dennis Baumgardner MD, Aurora Medical Group (Full support clinic champion)
• John Beasley MD, UW Department of Family Medicine (DFM)
• Val Gilchrist MD, DFM Chair
• David Hahn MD MS, WREN Director
• Larry Hanrahan PhD, DFM Research Director
• Larry Pfeifer, WAFP Executive Director
• Ken Schellase MD, Medical College of Wisconsin DFM
• Greg Simmons, President/CEO MetaStar, Inc. (Federal QIO)
• Paul Smith MD, DFM
• Andy Wright MD, community clinician (Full support clinic champion)
Project Flow

• PI initiated (multiple sources)

• WREN Director assesses for
  ▪ Relevance, feasibility, adequate funding

• Steering Committee has final say
  ▪ Additional review if DFM clinics involved
Membership

- Loosely defined
  - Abandoned membership levels
- Multi-disciplinary
  - Team-based
- Defined by project participation
Member Relationships

• For established members
  ▪ Regional Research Coordinator (RRC) contacts
  ▪ Director visits
  ▪ WREN listserv, newsletter, website, annual meeting

• For new members
  ▪ Building WREN listserv, website, annual meeting
  ▪ Peer to peer and RRC contacts
  ▪ New project participation
Wisconsin Research & Education Network (WREN)

The Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN) is a statewide practice-based research network of 200 primary care clinicians and academic researchers.

WREN members conduct high-quality translational research projects in "real-world" family practices across Wisconsin.

WREN also holds an annual Research and Quality Improvement Forum, and produces a newsletter 3 times each year.
2014 WREN Convocation of Practices

Sept 18-19, 2014 | Wisconsin Dells, WI - Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort

“WREN”OVATION: Celebrating Your Work, Planning Our Future

The 2014 Convocation is for everyone who has an interest in primary care or practice-based research and/or who has participated in WREN studies. Join us for an interactive dialogue.

Day 1 - Your Work

- Recent WREN study results
- Collaborative projects with others
- Plenary: “How Participation in Practice-Based Research Has Improved My Patient Care”
- Focus groups: “How being in WREN projects impacts me and my clinic”
- WREN 101 for collaborators and others
- Posters: All primary care/community-engaged projects

Day 2 - Our Future

- Plenary: “Future Directions for PBRNs”
- World Café (all attendees): “Where does WREN go from here?”
- New WREN study ideas from members and others

We hope to see you there! Please plan to attend, listen, share your experience and voice your ideas.