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# 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

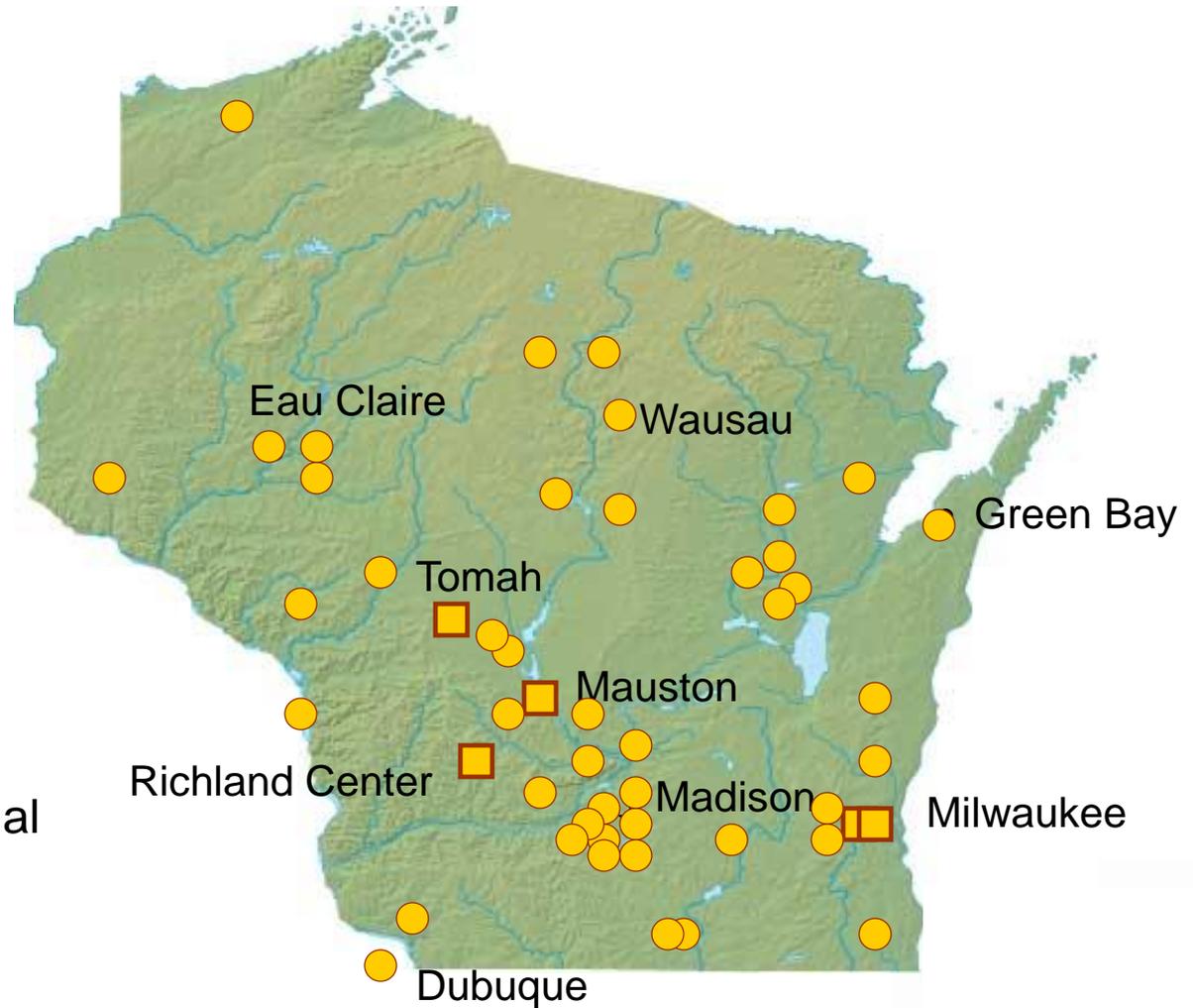
Plus a listserve > 1500



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



### Research Resources ✓

- Funding Opportunities
- Clinical Research Services
- **Community-Academic Research**
- Biostatistics
- Biomedical Informatics
- Regulatory Services & Compliance

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## Community-Academic Research

Community-Academic Research is research with clinical practices and community health programs, including minority-engaged and participatory research as well as research in health services, comparative effectiveness, systems redesign, behavior change, program implementation, and health policy. Partners can include practice-based research networks in medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health.

## 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)



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## 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

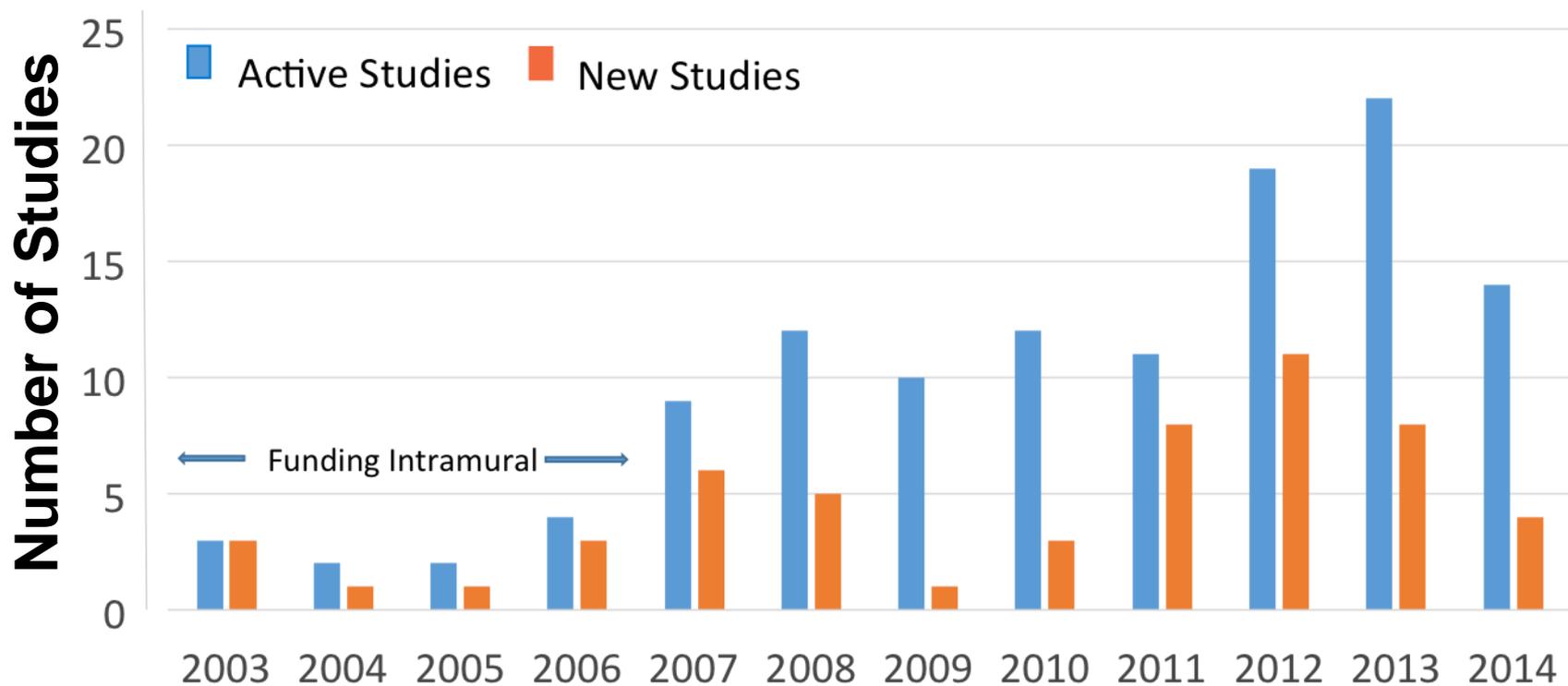
Wisconsin Network for Research Support - Consultation on readability/accessability of materials

- CARDS (Community Advisors on Research Design and Strategies)



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	IM	Federal	Fdn	Industry
2007	1	2	3	0
2008	1	2	2	0
2009	0	1	0	0
2010	1	1	0	1

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	IM	Federal	Fdn	Industry
2011	2	5	1	0
2012	3	6	2	0
2013	2	3	2	1
2014		2	1	1

# 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)



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# 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 listserve, newsletter, website, annual meeting
- For new members
  - Building WREN listserve, website, annual meeting
  - Peer to peer and RRC contacts
  - New project participation

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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.



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## 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.**



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### Save the Date

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

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