WVPBRN

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Practice-Based Research Network, or PBRN?
A PBRN is a network of healthcare providers, practices, and academic research institutes dedicated to improving the health of their communities by doing research that matters to the community.
  • PBRNs build and maintain partnerships in research, utilizing the best local expertise and innovative ideas.
  • PBRNs translate practice-based research into practical tools for improving health.
  • PBRNs provide opportunities to work together with many people and enrich practice experiences.

How do I submit a proposal to the WVPBRN?
To submit a full proposal to the WVPBRN, you must following the link below to the online application, which allows you to upload the proposal information as well as address how the project is useful to WVPBRN members. https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=WKDEDY89A7

How long does the review process take to become a WVPBRN project?
The WVPBRN has a two-step review process. The proposals are reviewed by committees specifically for relevance to the network and feasibility within primary care settings. The review process takes a minimum of 10-20 days to obtain feedback from these committees and deliver a decision.

Who reviews the proposal?
The WVPBRN's Protocol Review Committee evaluates the feasibility of the project within the primary care settings and clinical workflow as well as provide feedback to the proposal design. If necessary, the WVPBRN Co-Directors may review the project in terms of relevance to the network mission and provide additional input.

What resources does the WVPBRN membership include?
WVPBRN members receive a monthly newsletter that updates and informs members on current and upcoming projects. It also provides information on training opportunities and practice-based strategies in research. Members can access West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI) resources and services such as project design, data collection and writing support. The WVPBRN also provides an online discussion forum for members to share information and discuss topics of interest.

How do I become a WVPBRN member?
To become a member of the WVPBRN, simply call or email the WVPBRN Manager, Stacey Whanger, swhanger@hsc.wvu.edu, 304-581-1821, or WVPBRN Coordinator, Angie DeWitt, amdewitt@hsc.wvu.edu, 304-293-9198, to receive information.

How can I discuss ideas with other WVPBRN members/partners?
If you have an idea and you would like to include the WVPBRN, you may also use the submission form at the link below to submit your idea to the network. If the project idea is early in development, you may contact the WVPBRN Manager, Stacey Whanger, swhanger@hsc.wvu.edu, 304-581-1821 to schedule a consultation with Network staff. https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=WKDEDY89A7