

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST VIRGINIA PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH NETWORK
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Congratulations to those selected this year!

CORE

COLLECTIVE OUTREACH AND RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT

SURVEY



PI: Ranjita Misra, PhD

Title: Provider perception of patients' diabetes distress and diabetes self-management during the COVID-19 pandemic



PI: Bernard G. Schreurs, PhD

Title: Assessment of cognitive impairment in West Virginia



PI: Rick Ward, MD, MPA

Title: Provider experience with patient portal messaging

2021 CORE SURVEY SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

The WVPBRN would like to congratulate the researchers selected for this year's CORE Survey. Thank you to everyone who submitted a proposal and the selection committee for taking the time during this crazy year to provide valuable feedback to this year's participants. Scoring was based on relevance, quality of submission, alignment with the WVPBRN's priorities, accessibility of requested information, and impact of the project / the team's next

steps. Your valuable feedback enables us to identify how to best support you and your respective teams, in your endeavor to support for your region's patient populations.

This year, the 2021 CORE Survey was released in May and will be closing July 7th, 2021.

The REDCap link to the survey is <https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=3KXAL8LMX7>. Please feel free to share CORE with any providers and encourage them to complete all applicable questions, as their responses provide valuable insight for future research projects.

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***WVPBRN
SPOTLIGHT:
SARAH BARTON
Coplin Health Systems***



Sarah enjoys helping her community recognize its strengths and making each day a little brighter for someone.

Sarah Barton, Senior Project Manager, is a research coordinator at Coplin Health Systems that serves western West Virginia. Sarah has been committed to working with the WVPBRN on developing and strengthening project designs in clinical settings. Her dedication to the patients served by Coplin Health Systems is inspiring and beneficial to the organization and its communities.

Sarah holds a bachelor of science in child development and family studies and a master of Public Administration from West Virginia University. She has over twenty years working with nonprofit organizations to develop and execute grant projects in higher education and healthcare. In her work,

she has been able to assist the most vulnerable patients in having access to healthy food and primary care services, assist healthcare workers in achieving better health and wellness, and helped connect communities with local resources, such as exercise parks, hiking trails, and physical activities.

Sarah has been an active member in multiple WVPBRN projects. She has coordinated many projects with her clinical team on topics including depression treatment, maternal health, COVID-19, among others. In addition, Sarah is an active member of the Mountains of Hope Coalition, the Mid-Ohio Valley Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, Mid-Ohio Valley Rural Health Alliance, and WV Oral Health Coalition.

During her time off from work, Sarah enjoys helping her community recognize its strengths and making each day a little brighter for someone. In addition, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, paper crafting, and serving through the church of Christ. Sarah strives to unite communities together because working together helps make tasks a little easier, results in better success, and is often more fun, too.



August 5-6, 2021 Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

8TH ANNUAL WVPBRN RETREAT

Registration for the 2021 WVPBRN Annual Retreat is now open! Please register by June 15th to secure your spot.

For any questions or concerns, contact Jen Lukas at jg0138@hsc.wvu.edu.

To register visit:
<https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=TR9PHYPRYN>

West Virginia Practice-Based Research Network

WVPBRN Annual Retreat returns to Stonewall Resort

The WVPBRN Annual Retreat will return at the end of this summer, August 5 and 6 at Stonewall Resort, in Roanoke. This year's event will be a combination of in-person and virtual activities.

COVID-19 physical distancing and precautions will be maintained during the event. Face masks and hand sanitizer will be provided

Registration will remain open until **July 3, 2021** for those wishing to attend in-person. Late registrations will be given the virtual option and later offered in-person attendance if spaces open.



This year's agenda includes presentation of results by our 2020 CORE Survey recipients, a WV COVID-19 response panel discussion, numerous posters with virtual viewing option, and more!

Please join us for some safe networking through practice-based research!

To register, please visit <https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=TR9PHYPRYN>

Contact Jen Lukas at jg0138@hsc.wvu.edu if you have any questions.

The mission of the WVPBRN is to improve the health of West Virginians by collaborating with primary care practices to conduct translational practice-based research.



WV CANCER SURVIVORSHIP PROJECT LAUNCHED

West Virginia University researcher and WVPBRN collaborator, Dr. Nicole Stout, is launching a survey across the state of WV, called the West Virginia Cancer Survivorship Needs Assessment Project. This project seeks to learn from patients and from health care professionals about the resources and services that would be most beneficial to support individuals living with and beyond cancer.

The project team will be conducting two surveys to learn more about the needs of

cancer survivors and the healthcare professionals that treat them in our communities across the state. A website has been developed for easy access to each of the surveys.

Cancer survivors and their caregivers face significant needs during and after treatment that are often not met with adequate resources and services. Primary care healthcare professionals may not have the resources they need to adequately meet the needs of their patients during and after cancer treatment. This work will help learn about the needs of individuals with cancer and develop services and resources that can better support them.



To access the surveys and for more information about this research, please click here: <https://www.wvctsi.org/programs/funding/funded-projects/cancer-survey/>.

If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact Dr. Nicole Stout, 304-293-0481 by phone or Nicole.stout@hsc.wvu.edu.

WVPBRN OPEN PROJECTS

Appalachian Mind Health Initiative (AMHI)

AMHI is a pragmatic clinical trial of internet-based psychotherapy (eCBT) for patients being treated for Major Depressive Disorder funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Participants will receive additional support and resources to supplement their provider's treatment plan. This is very important and impactful work benefiting West Virginia patients, particularly given the mental health challenges this pandemic has brought. The project team has recorded a



special webinar for interested providers this past week. Please contact Jen Lukas at jg0138@hsc.wvu.edu for the recording or for more information on the study.

International Medical Graduates Study

Researchers from Davidson College and University of Chicago are interested in learning from international medical graduates (IMGs), health system administrators, and community leaders to participate in interviews on the experiences of IMGs and the ways that health and immigration policies affect their ability to work in underserved areas, particularly in WV. Please contact Jen at jg0138@hsc.wvu.edu if you are interested.

Families Strong

Attending a support group can be intimidating but it is important to remember that you set the pace for what you are comfortable sharing. A Families Strong support group is a safe, confidential place for you to share, learn, and feel supported by others who are experiencing similar circumstances.

Patient sign ups can be found at familiesstrongwv.com while spaces are available. In addition to the support offered through the group, participants also earn incentives for their participation-up to \$50.00! For more information please contact Dawn Brown, Families Strong Coordinator by either calling 443-525-1976 or email dbrown@groupmosaic.com.

WV PROJECT ECHO UPDATES

First WVCTSI Project ECHO Superhub Immersion Training Scheduled for July 14-16

As part of its recent Superhub designation, WVCTSI Project ECHO in collaboration with the ECHO Institute is hosting its first immersion training focused on hepatitis C (HCV). The HCV track allows organizations interested in starting

HCV hubs in their communities to get specific mentoring and training from the WVCTSI Superhub team. The ECHO immersion training: HCV track will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 14-16.

Second Cohort of Judiciary ECHO to Launch in August

A second cohort of the Judiciary ECHO has been approved based on its successful implementation of the first cohort. This will be a continuation of

the partnership between the National Center for State Courts and WVCTSI Project ECHO. Just like the first cohort, there will be 6 ECHO sessions that are focused on substance use disorder (SUD) within the WV state court system. The WVCTSI Project ECHO SUD Hub will be serving as the experts and the Spoke sites will be made up of local judges throughout WV. The second cohort of the Judiciary ECHO will launch at the beginning of August.

RADx-UP COVID-19 PROJECT PROVIDES OVER 45,000 TESTS

As you recall, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently awarded the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI) a \$4.78 million grant in September 2020, to increase testing for the novel coronavirus (SARS CoV-2) across the state. The NIH launched the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostic (RADx) program in 2020 to address development of effective strategies for diagnosis of SARS CoV-2. The awarded grant falls under the RADx-Underserved

Populations (RADx-UP) subsection which aims to develop strategies to reduce disparities in testing, while working with established community partners.

With an official kick-off date of December 1, 2020, this project has hit the ground and achieved several milestones and results to-date.

A total of 45,568 tests have been provided by WVPBRN clinics from December 2020 through June 2021. Total number of SARS-CoV-2 tests for December 2020 AND January 2021 was 23,986, compared with 15,231 that were performed in the two months prior to project start.

WV National Guard testing vans have performed 2,272 tests total, from 110 testing events since Jan 4, 2021, covering 25 different counties. The vans also recruited adult patients for the anonymous satisfaction



survey and has 176 respondents to-date.

The Communities of Color van has conducted testing in five counties in central WV. To date, this van has provided 442 tests total, from 44 testing events since Jan 4, 2021. The home test kit recruitment began April 2021 and has enrolled 102 individuals in the study to determine the usability of home test kits in communities of color around WV as a way to increase testing availability.

To learn more about the initiative, please visit <https://www.nih.gov/radx>.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next **Design Studio** will be July 2 from 12-1 pm. Please contact Jen Lukas at jennifer.guess@hsc.wvu.edu with any questions.
- **WVPBRN Annual Retreat** will return August 5-6 at Stonewall Resort, in Roanoke. Registration ends July 3, 2021 for those wishing to attend in-person. Late registrations will be given the virtual option and later offered in-person attendance if spaces open.

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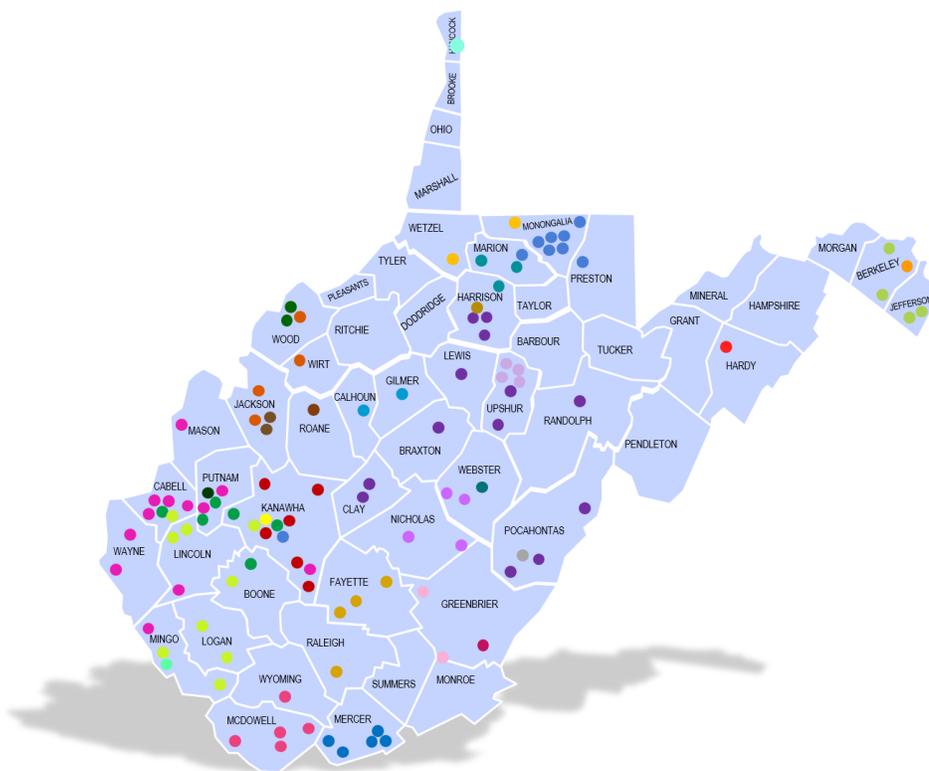
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