



PBRN
Resource
Center
Practice-Based
Research Networks

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What is a PBRN?

- a group of practices devoted principally to the care of patients.
- affiliated with each other and with researchers to expand the science base of clinical care in real-world practice.
- have a sustained partnership, transcending a single study.
- a "laboratory" for studying broad populations of patients and clinicians in community-based settings.

Resource Center for PBRNs

- a “division” of the Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science.
- supported by a CTSA grant since 2008.

- our mission is to: promote academic-community clinician partnerships in order to conduct research of relevance to community clinicians.

Resource Center for PBRNs

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 PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH
 NETWORK RESOURCE CENTER

Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Resource Center

The Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Resource Center serves as the operational base for developing new and supporting existing PBRNs in the South Texas region. The primary function of the PBRN Resource Center is to facilitate opportunities for collaboration between Health Science Center investigators and community clinicians to utilize the PBRN as their real world laboratory and to engage community clinicians in practice-based research. To accelerate the translation of clinical research into practice, new partnerships with clinicians who deliver the majority of care to the US population need to be supported. We are dedicated to transforming existing academic-community clinician relationships.

PBRN FAQ

What is a PBRN?

A PBRN is an organization comprised of community clinicians and researchers, united by a shared commitment to:

- 1) expand the science base of clinical care through studies conducted in their local clinic setting;
- 2) answer research questions generated by a community clinician; and
- 3) better understand health issues in their community clinical settings.

PBRNs have been described by the Institute of Medicine as a promising laboratory for transforming the relationship between academic researchers and community clinicians.

5 active PBRNs

- STARNET
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STARNet

SOUTH TEXAS AMBULATORY RESEARCH NETWORK

Welcome to STARNet

The South Texas Ambulatory Research Network (STARNet) is a learning community of primary care clinicians, staff and patients in offices and clinics across South Texas who participate in research to gain knowledge and understanding on how to improve the health of patients and their communities.

Mission

The mission of the network is to conduct and disseminate practice-based research that results in new knowledge and improves the health of patients in South Texas.

[STARNet Brochure for Health Care Professionals](#)

STARNet FAQ

What are the benefits of STARNet membership?

- Conduct and carefully complete Network studies, including 1 to 2 simple, descriptive card studies annually
- Conform to IRB and HIPAA regulations
- Contribute to the development of research questions and protocols
- Attend Annual meeting

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RRNeT

RESIDENCY RESEARCH NETWORK OF TEXAS

Inspiring curiosity and improving health in Texas

The Residency Research Network of Texas is a group of family medicine residency programs that began a collaboration in 1997. The Network is geographically diverse and includes training programs in South Texas (Corpus Christi, Harlingen, McAllen) Central Texas (Austin, San Antonio), North Texas (Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland) and West Texas (Lubbock). RRNeT includes about 100 family physician faculty and 300 family medicine residents who see 300,000 outpatient visits each year.

The Mission of RRNeT is:
 To improve family physicians' interest and skills in research and to find answers to clinical questions that are relevant to family medicine patient populations in Texas.

RRNeT FAQ

What is a Practice Based Research Network (PBRN)?

A PBRN is an organization of community clinicians who work together with researchers to answer meaningful questions.

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Psychiatry
SOUTH TEXAS PSYCHIATRIC
PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH
NETWORK

Psychiatry FAQ

Why should I join the South Texas Psychiatric PBRN?

- It is hard to improve practice without understanding it.
- We need to know how to take care of the "problems that most people have most of the time."
- Practice should be based on science.
- BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Generating Evidence that matters in Psychiatry

The South Texas Psychiatric Practice-Based Research Network is comprised of a group of psychiatrists from San Antonio and surrounding counties, Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley who work together and with other investigators at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio to develop research projects that will help improve the quality of care they provide for their patients. The network develops ideas for research projects on topics important to both the psychiatrists and the patients they care for. In addition, the network members also provide feed-back to other researchers about new research questions, methods, and results so that they are more relevant to both the psychiatrists and their patients. Overall, this network serves as a "community of learning" where the wisdom and experience of its members can be drawn on to improve patient care.

Our mission is to improve patient care and advance clinical knowledge through practice-based research in psychiatry.

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Coming soon!

Generating evidence that matters in dentistry

South Texas Oral Health Network

Welcome to the South Texas Oral Health Network! STOHN is a practice-based research network (PBRN) dedicated to developing a research infrastructure for generating practical, timely information that can be used by dental practitioners to enhance the quality and efficacy of oral health care.

STOHN members are dentists practicing in the communities of South Texas. Alongside providing direct patient care, they partner with the Health Science Center to develop and carry out dental research where it really matters – in the offices and clinics.