

# ***TEX-IS RESEARCH NETWORK NEWS NOTES***

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**Texas Implementation Science (TEX-IS) Research Network**

*building capacity across the Texas CTSAs through shared resources, information, and opportunities*

## **ABOUT THE TEX-IS RESEARCH NETWORK**

The TEX-IS Research Network is an initiative generated by the participants of the January 2020 Implementation Research Workshop at UT Health San Antonio. TEX-IS News Notes provides a venue for those interested in implementation science to connect us as a community of practice across our common goal. The TEX-IS Research Network and the TEX-IS News Notes are open to all across Texas.

## **INVITATION TO SHARE NEWS NOTES**



Our News Notes has a NEW LOOK! Share YOUR resources, information, and opportunities with colleagues through the *TEX-IS News Notes*. Send your *News Notes suggestion* to Dr. Kathleen Stevens at [stevensk@uthscsa.edu](mailto:stevensk@uthscsa.edu) by the first of the month. Feel free to insert links and images (suggested length: 200 words).

# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE 2021



This annual conference for the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) advances the entire translational science spectrum. In the past 5 years conference topics have increasingly focused on Implementation Science and Community Collaboration and Engagement in CTSA's. National leaders are scheduled to present a key panel discussion on "Making Dissemination & Implementation Research Ubiquitous in Translational Science" to provide an overview of the status of D&I research, with the following aims:

1. Appraise the current state of dissemination and implementation (D&I) research in translational science.
2. Assess benefits of situating D&I research in each stage of translational science.
3. Determine key workforce competencies and methods needed to embed D&I research across all stages of translational science.
4. Collaborate on advancing D&I in CTSA's translational science initiatives through the NCATS D&I Working Group objectives.

<https://www.actscience.org/Translational-Science/Registration>

## COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The IIMS Community Engagement Leadership Group and ReACH D&I Core held a combined meeting on January 15, 2021, to learn of a unique project for supporting Implementation Science consultation. The discussion was led by consultant, Dr. Allison Cole from the Institute of Translational Health Sciences (ITHS) at the University of Washington regarding her Dissemination and Implementation Consultation Electronic (DICE) project. Dr. Cole developed and piloted DICE, a REDCap-based tool that provides (a) an investigator intake survey and (b) a consultant report survey to track and manage D&I capacity-building in her D&I programs.

Bio: Allison Cole, MD, MPH is an Associate Professor in Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Director of the ITHS' Dissemination and Implementation program. The ITHS' Dissemination and Implementation program aims to identify gaps in applied dissemination and implementation science and develop tools to address identified gaps. Dr. Cole also directs the WWAMI Region Practice and Research Network (WPRN), a network of more than 90 primary care practices across Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho and leads a research program focused on implementing evidence-based approaches to cancer control in primary care settings.

# IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH CONSULTATION: THE NEW ReACH D&I CONSULTATION CORE

New launch!

## Dissemination & Implementation Consultation Core

We support investigators and health care professionals in integrating D&I science into research and practice.

- Methods & study design
- Education & training
- Grant development
- Publications & presentations
- Tools & templates
- Data analysis

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Learn more at: [bit.ly/reach-di-core](https://bit.ly/reach-di-core)

In January the Center for Research to Advance Community Health (ReACH - directed by Dr. Joel Tsevat) at UT Health San Antonio launched its D&I Consultation Core. Erin Finley, PhD, MPH (an expert health services researcher and trainer in the national D&I training programs) leads the D&I Consultation Core which aims to build D&I research and amplify its impact on public health through consultation with investigators and health care professionals interested in integrating D&I science in their research and practice.

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## RESOURCES: IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HEALTHCARE EQUITY

### Video Conference

In November 2020 the Consortium for Implementation Science sponsored a discussion on Promoting Health Equity. For more information go to: <https://consortiumforis.org/index.php/events/>.

## CIS Forum 2020: Harnessing Implementation Science to Promote Health Equity (November 19, 2020)



### Readings

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