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## PEER-REVIEWED REPORTS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH (PRIMER) ACCEPTED FOR INCLUSION IN PUBMED CENTRAL

STFM's online journal provides a dissemination opportunity for new researchers and small studies *Peer-reviewed Reports in Medical Education Research (PRiMER)*, was accepted for full participation in PubMed Central (PMC), an archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the US National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine.

"We are excited about passing this scientific and scholarly milestone. Indexing in PMC will greatly increase the visibility of *PRiMER* content, increase citations of our journal articles, and attract new authors," said Christopher Morley, PhD, *PRiMER* editor-in-chief.

*PRiMER* publishes small, rigorously designed original research briefs in medical education and health workforce policy, as well as medical student and resident research.

"*PRiMER* was developed to both introduce newer scholars to academic publishing in primary care medical education, as well as to provide an outlet for smaller studies by experienced researchers and educational scholars," said Dr Morley. "Having articles from *PRiMER* included in PubMed Central will expose the journal's content to wider audiences and increase its connection to other related PubMed content benefiting the authors, the journal, and the primary care research community as a whole."

In order to be accepted for full participation, *PRiMER* had to meet all scientific, editorial, and technical quality specifications that together establish the journal's adherence to the highest standards for peer review and scientific publishing. Participation guarantees a perpetual home for the full text of every *PRiMER* article, beyond the journal itself. It also provides indexing for *PRiMER* articles in PubMed, the world's top literature citation database for life science and medical research.

"We are thankful for Dr Morley's vision during the journal's creation and grateful to STFM leadership for their strong support. We also appreciate all the hard work of the *PRiMER* editorial team, editorial board, reviewers, and authors," said Traci Brazelton, CAE, STFM director of publications, who served as *PRiMER* managing publisher since its inception.

In July 2020, Sam Grammer took over the role of managing publisher for *PRiMER*. Mr Grammer brings more than 15 years of experience in academic publishing to the position, 9 of which were spent serving as a content specialist for the National Library of Medicine's Bookshelf project.

For more information about *PRiMER*, visit [journals.stfm.org/PRiMER](http://journals.stfm.org/PRiMER) and follow the journal via Twitter at [https://twitter.com/PRiMER\\_Journal](https://twitter.com/PRiMER_Journal)

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## 2020 PBRN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Living Laboratories for Innovation and Dissemination/Implementation in Our Communities

Most of the care for most of the patients most of the time is provided in community-based primary care practices. Generating new knowledge by conducting research in these practices and communities, and implementing research findings, is widely recognized as necessary to achieve better health for populations. It is *the* way to meet patients where they are to derive the insights that shape practice beyond textbooks. Practices and communities are like living laboratories.

This Living Laboratory theme served as the backdrop for the 2020 NAPCRG Practice-Based Research Network Conference, which brought together the energy of nearly 130 participants from the United States, Canada, and Japan and Australia in a first-ever virtual environment on August 13-14, 2020. Sponsored by AHRQ, the conference featured an array of on-demand presentations and an online poster hall, all of which have remained available to registered attendees for continued access. The ability to go back to presentations has enhanced continued learning.

Plenary speakers focused on fundamentals like implementation sustainability and implementation science:

- Implementation Sustainability, Dr Sharon Straus

- Advancing Implementation Science: An NCI Perspective, David Chambers, DPhil
- NIH Panel - Interact with NIH leaders and learn how the organization can promote PBRN research: Dr Nicole Redmond, from NHLBI; Dr Eliseo Perez-Stable, from NIMHD; and Dr Wilson Compton, from NIDA

Not surprisingly, this year's pandemic compelled presentations on Covid-19 such as:

- *Clinical Trials Recruitment in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges, Opportunities, and a Forum for Sharing Experiences* (Braden O'Neill, MD, DPhil, CCFP, & Aashka Bhatt, BSc).
- *The State Networks of Colorado Ambulatory Practices & Partners (SNOCAP) COVID-19 Crisis Response: One PBRN's Journey to Practice Outreach, Partnership, and Quick Response to the COVID-19 Crisis* (Mary Fisher, MPH & Donald Nease, MD).
- *COVID-19 Panel - An Interactive Discussion With Time for Q&A Around the Latest Developments and Response to the Pandemic* (Jack Westfall, MD, MPH, & Rebecca Etz, PhD).

The 10-member PBRN Planning Committee reviewed over 60 abstracts that covered 15 different themes: behavioral health, chronic care management, clinical practice, community engaged research, dissemination/implementation, health disparities, infrastructure/network operations, practice facilitation/quality improvement, prevention, proposal development/study design/methods, shared decision making/collaborative deliberation, stakeholder engagement, technology, training, Covid-19 responses. The schedule allowed for live, on-demand and interactive sessions, including informal networking over coffee chats and a virtual poster hall. To enhance the experience, some posters were featured in moderated discussions so that attendees could dive deeper into the subject matter and research methodologies.

Presentations remain available for viewing by registered participants on the meeting platform until November 10, 2020 and the American Academy of Family Physicians awarded the conference 8.00 continuing medical education credits.

Stay tuned to NAPCRG's website for information about the 2021 PBRN Conference, which is scheduled to be held in June in Bethesda, Maryland.

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## THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SILVER LININGS FOR PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, the Association of Departments of Family Medicine concluded work in partnership with the Family Medicine for America's Health (FMAHealth) initiative regarding the addition of a public member to its Board of Directors.<sup>1,2</sup> Through this work, ADFM engaged public and patient members of family medicine organizations' Boards of Directors<sup>2</sup> to reflect on the intent of these roles in organized family medicine. Underpinning all of the efforts to engage the public and patients in the work of organized family medicine is a conviction to ensure we are putting the patient and welfare of the public and our communities at the center of what we do. An irony reported in 2019 by Stollenwerk et al is that realizing the promise of patient-centered care is easier to articulate than to implement.<sup>3</sup> This irony has become a new reality as Alexander and Perkins reported in July 2020 with the pandemic providing a stark wake-up call to change care delivery and to change how we train and prepare doctors for the future.<sup>4</sup> They note that "in response to COVID-19, we and others were able to transform the health care system in a matter of weeks." Meanwhile, Krist, DeVoe and colleagues also reported in July 2020 that primary care had to reinvent itself to protect clinicians and staff and while remaining connected to patients.<sup>5</sup>

The patient and public members of family medicine organizations' Boards engaged in conversations about how these recent realities arising with the advent and progression of COVID-19 are "silver linings" which allow the true patient-centeredness of care to shine through. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how the promise of patient-centered care is not just aspirational. The ways the practice of family medicine has maintained the connection to patients during the chaos of COVID-19, and has highlighted the visibility of the value of this level of patient-centeredness, are noteworthy. Here we share the silver linings that emerged from these conversations as important issues to continue to watch unfold as we all make our way through and out to the other side of this pandemic.

- *People are listening.* People are listening to primary care in new ways now—we have the opportunity to talk