

**Developing a Practice-based Research Network Special Interest Group
in the Clinical Trials Network, National Institute on Drug Abuse**

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What is the purpose of the Practice-based Research Network Special Interest Group (PBRN SIG)? The National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network (NIDA CTN) PBRN SIG is forming in response to the most recent NIDA CTN competing renewal, which called to engage primary care Practice Based Research Networks (PBRNs), develop substance use treatment interventions relevant to community-based practice, and promote the transfer of evidence-based results from substance use research into community-based practices. To this end, the PBRN SIG aims expand the number of NIDA CTN protocols relevant to and engaging primary care practices, and to increase the ability of community-based practices to participate in CTN studies.

What will the PBRN SIG do? The PBRN SIG is convening a group of members with affiliation in the CTN and/or a PBRN and an interest in advancing the inclusion of substance abuse research and treatment in primary care practice settings. Key objectives of the PBRN SIG include:

- developing projects and/or CTN protocols that emanate from primary care practice
- ensuring representation from those who can provide a community-based practice perspective on all appropriate CTN committees and groups
- providing consultation in CTN protocol/project development to ensure compatibility of the protocol, its recruitment process, and community-based practice, if applicable.

What are the responsibilities of PBRN SIG members? PBRN SIG members will serve as expert resources for the CTN in practice-based research, helping to meet the SIG's objectives. This might include assessing protocols for feasibility and relevance to community-based practices and collaborating on new research concepts. PBRN SIG members will meet by conference call on a monthly basis, beginning in summer of 2017, and will work collaboratively to push forward PBRN SIG objectives between scheduled meetings.

What are the benefits? Members who join the SIG will help shape substance use research in the CTN, and expand the roles of PBRNs in substance use research and the implementation and dissemination of evidence-based practices. While the CTN does not provide direct funding for members, we encourage potential members to inquire about possible funding from their Nodes, if applicable.

Who is leading the PBRN SIG? The SIG will be co-chaired by Laura-Mae Baldwin, MD, MPH & Rowena Dolor, MD, MHS. The CCTN advisor for the PBRN SIG is Carmen Rosa, MS, Program Coordinator.

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