



## HOW WE WORK

The AAFP NRN is an extensive network of members, collaborators, and supporters. Each piece of the AAFP NRN plays a central role in creating and disseminating credible and innovative research in support of better patient care.

## COLLABORATORS

Key Collaborators in the AAFP NRN are its Members, Affiliated Practice-based Research Networks, Academic Institutions, and DARTNet Institute. Our collaborators support, conduct, and disseminate practice-based primary care research.

## SUPPORTERS

Our supporters are innovators and leaders in practice-based primary care research. Our supports include federal funders, industry funders, policy makers, and other grantors interested improving and advancing health.

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## WHO WE ARE

The AAFP National Research Network (AAFP NRN) is a practice-based research collaborative at the forefront of identifying new medical knowledge. Through its national membership of clinicians, it is the AAFP NRN's mission to cultivate, conduct and disseminate primary care research that improves health of patients, families and their communities. The AAFP NRN is working to examine, describe, and advance medical knowledge.

The AAFP NRN represents more than 3,000 primary care clinician members in over 1000 offices in 49 states and 4 Canadian provinces with two sub-group of members particularly interested in the integration of mental and behavioral in primary care and contributing to electronic health record data that can be securely searched and queried. Furthermore, the AAFP NRN is formally affiliated with 17 other US practice-based primary care research networks that have a total of approximately 2,300 primary care clinicians.

## STAFF AND EXPERTISE

The AAFP NRN consists of 18 members of staff and leadership, which includes 4 MDs, 5 PhDs, and 6 Masters level associates. This group of researchers and staff have many years of demonstrated abilities in conducting complex and demanding projects in the practice-based research setting, including:

- Successful design and implementation using a wide range of research methodology, including surveys, card studies, randomized control trials, qualitative participatory inquiry, and quantitative comparative effectiveness;
- Coordinating long-term studies;
- Recruiting and retaining participants;
- Managing, facilitating, and trouble-shooting data collection from geographically dispersed practices;
- Communicating technical information; and
- Evaluating continuous quality improvement projects.

The AAFP NRN continually collaborates with various institutions, and maintains active partnerships with multiple university departments, family medicine residencies, research organizations, professional societies, and not-for-profit healthcare organizations. These partnerships allow for an even further expansion of the AAFP NRN's skill set, including extended management, analysis, and dissemination of study results.

## STUDIES AND FINDINGS

The AAFP NRN selects research studies based on relevance to family medicine and interest of its membership. The AAFP NRN has 17 studies in progress and has completed over **70 studies** in the last 17 years in areas that include patient safety, practice improvement at the clinical and operations level, physician-patient communication, obesity prevention and treatment, collaborative care, health literacy, and the treatment of chronic conditions such as depression, kidney disease, irritable bowel, or asthma. A full listing of our past and present studies can be found at [www.aafp.org/nrn](http://www.aafp.org/nrn).

The AAFP NRN has published research results in over 110 research articles in multiple peer-reviewed journals, including Annals of Family Medicine, Chest, Quality and Safety in Healthcare, Clinics in Laboratory Medicine, Pediatrics, and Family Practice Management. A full listing of our published articles can be found at [www.aafp.org/nrn-publications](http://www.aafp.org/nrn-publications).

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