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Jennifer K. Carroll, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Director of the National Research Network through the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Immediately prior, she was a faculty member at the University of Rochester Medical Center for 10 years and was an attending physician at a federally qualified health center in Rochester, NY. A major theme of her scholarship has been her experience with implementation of several community and practice based research projects, many of which have addressed health disparities in chronic conditions (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, HIV, cancer) and lifestyle determinants of chronic disease prevention for underserved populations.

Dr. Carroll's research has focused on the application of self-determination theory and patient-centered communication to clinician and staff training in healthcare settings, and improving patient motivation. Her overarching research mission is to develop successful interventions in primary care and community settings to deliver on the Triple Aim, especially interventions that develop new team models and utilize rigorous quality improvement approaches.

She has served as principal investigator and/or co-investigator on several NIH-funded grants examining patient-centered communication, patient navigation to eliminate disparities in cancer care, cross-cultural communication with limited English proficient populations and novel group interventions incorporating clinical pharmacists to promote healthy diet, physical activity, and self-management of weight-related chronic conditions.

She has authored over 50 scientific publications on the topics of physical activity promotion in primary care, clinician and team training to promote health behavior counseling and use of community resources, cross-cultural communication, and disparities in chronic disease prevention and control.

Dr. Carroll also is a recipient of several honors and awards for innovation and/or policy implications of her research from the American Academy of Cancer Research, the European Association for Communication in Healthcare, and the New York State legislature.