



Organizational Update from NAPCRG January 2018

NAPCRG's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

The NAPCRG Board of Directors unanimously approved our 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan on November 18, 2017. The new plan provides the template to move NAPCRG into the next phase of its evolution with the primary emphasis on growth. Fundamentally, we aim to serve more primary care researchers with exceptional resources and services while maintaining our nurturing and relation-centric culture. Our four new strategic priorities include: creating value for our members; grow our membership; continue strong financial management; and build capacity for “big data” research. The board approved a comprehensive plan that includes these strategic priorities and detailed tactics corresponding to each one.

NAPCRG's 45th Annual Meeting

NAPCRG hosted its 45th Annual Meeting November 17 - 21, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec. With a record number of submissions this year we welcomed 1,164 attendees from around the world. This was the largest meeting in NAPCRG's history. The program committee planned an excellent agenda, which included, six preconference programs, more than 800 poster and oral presentations, 42 workshops, several other special events and the return of poster walks. Four successful plenary presentations were also held. NAPCRG will host its 46th Annual Meeting November 9 - 12, 2018 at the Chicago Hilton.

2018 PBRN Meeting

The 2018 NAPCRG Practice-Based Research Network Conference will be held June 25 – 26, 2018 at the Hyatt in Maryland. We will open our call for submissions later this month.

FMAHealth Research Core Team Integration with NAPCRG

NAPCRG transitioned the work of the FMAHealth Research Core Team to our infrastructure of committees and staff as of December 31, 2017. We are looking forward to the results of the Mapping Primary Care Research Project to engage all eight Family Medicine Organizations in coordinating and being accountable for primary care research tasks and activities, which will be available later this year.

Grant Generating Project (GGP)

This “fellowship without walls” welcomed 14 fellows from across North America to a completely updated curriculum that launched in September 2017 and will conclude in May 2018. NAPCRG completed a major update to the course, which continues to focus on grant development and writing. We've also expanded the program to include modules on patient and community engagement, how to overcome writer's block, developing your knowledge translation plan and making sense of different funder requirements and much more.

The updated program takes a state-of-the-art blended learning approach with only two in person meetings instead of four. Fellows are completing online modules supported by expert mentors at their own pace before each of the in-person sessions that give them detailed and extensive feedback on their grant application and concept paper.