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**Identifying and overcoming Barriers to Trauma Screening in Primary Care patients. G1601RS**

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To improve detection and treatment of PTSD and to reduce negative health and mental health outcomes associated with severe trauma exposure and PTSD, we propose to utilize funds to stimulate active participation in the recently developed practice-based research network for Saint Louis University named the Ambulatory Research Community Health Network (ARCHNet). A series of focus groups will be conducted with patient and provider stakeholders. The goal of these focus groups is to identify barriers to screening and to develop a training intervention for implementing trauma and PTSD screening and treatment into a primary care setting. The screening tools will be sensitive to the constraints of the brief primary care visit, patient-provider relationships and will be culturally sensitive and community relevant.