



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you are all managing ok as we are about to turn the page on 2020. With our collective efforts we hope that 2021 will bring us to new and better places.

In this newsletter, I want to share the following: (1) Links to key content and an opportunity to provide feedback on our Annual Meeting, (2) a time-sensitive opportunity provide important input to the incoming Biden Administration on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on primary care, and (3) an opportunity to participate in a national practice-based research study on Opioid Use Disorder, and (4) some important updates on the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

[SFBayCRN Annual Meeting – Session Recordings and CME Now Available!](#)

On September 30th, well over 200 of you joined us for first VIRTUAL Annual Meeting, *Practice-Based Research in a Changing World: Building Capacity to Address the Urgent Needs of Diverse Communities*. The morning session featured keynotes by Dr. Jack Westfall from the Robert Graham Center in Washington DC and by Dr. Hal Collard from the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute, as well as a very engaging panel on research in community-based health systems including many of our bay area partners in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic. The lunch hour included a series of poster sessions highlighting practice-based research partnerships in the SF Bay Area. The afternoon featured a keynote by Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo on the interaction between structural racism and social determinants of health, followed by a series of presentations on interventions to address social needs at several levels of our health system, and a summation of the day by Dr. Kevin Grumbach.

1. If you missed our meeting or want to revisit some of the excellent presentations, you can view them [here to view the meeting session recordings and poster presentations](#). For now they are posted on Eventbrite, but we will soon post them on our SFBayCRN website, as well.
2. If you attended the meeting or if you view the meeting recordings, please don't forget to complete the meeting evaluation. Please [click here to complete the evaluation form](#). We will send CME certificates of attendance to those who complete the evaluation by December 18th.

[Participate in the National COVID-19 Primary Care Survey!](#)

Over the last many months, we have encouraged SFBayCRN members to participate in a sentinel network survey organized by the Larry A. Green Center Innovation Network in Richmond, Virginia. This survey has documented critical workforce shortages and inadequate reimbursement related to the burden of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as increased challenges managing chronic disease, mental health, and social needs of patients. The results have been used to advocate for resources to ensure parity payment for services provided by video and phone at least until a vaccination is widely available. Approximately 5% of responses have come from our network. This week, we have a special opportunity to provide input to the Biden Administration's COVID-19 Task Force. [Please participate by clicking on this link](#).

[Research Opportunity: Home vs Office for Medication Enhanced Recovery](#)

As you know, opioid use disorder (OUD) continues to be prevalent in many of our communities. Primary care practices are being recruited for a new study called HOMER or ***Home vs Office for Medication Enhanced Recovery*** comparing office-based, home induction, and observed telehealth methods for medication assisted treatment (MAT) in patients with opioid use disorder (OUD). The AAFP National Research Network is conducting this study to compare different approaches to managing OUD with medication assisted treatment (MAT) in primary care settings, allowing providers, practices, and patients to make an informed choice on the best induction method. To learn more about the study and consider participation, please [click here](#).

[CTSI Renewal and the Future of SFBayCRN](#)

We were delighted to learn that UCSF's application for continued federal funding for the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) received a very favorable review and will receive continued funding through 2025. CTSI is what supports our SFBayCRN research consultation service and our annual meetings, so we hope to continue to provide these services to you in the years to come. In this next period of funding, CTSI will seek stronger relationships and infrastructure to support research with community-based clinical partners. We will keep you informed of those activities as they develop.

Finally, I would like to offer a big thank you to those of you who have responded to our partnership requests and inquiries, or used our services to develop your own research programs, over the last many years!

Sincerely,

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