

SF Bay CRN eNews

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Dear Friends,

As the midpoint of summer approaches, we're excited to share some news, resources, and events of interest to you and your community partners.

The San Francisco Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN) is UCSF's primary health care practice-based research network, supported by the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

We offer free initial consultations on practice-based research issues for our members.

To learn more about SFBayCRN, please visit: <https://consult.ucsf.edu/sfbaycrn>

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A UCSF-supported partnership of community clinicians, practices, and researchers

[Announcing “The Upstream Research Center” and a \\$75,000 funding opportunity for community partnerships addressing the social determinants of cancer](#)

The recently NIH-funded Upstream Research Center is a major collaboration between Stanford, UC-Davis, UCSF, with partners including SFBayCRN that will work together to understand and address the fundamental causes of cancer inequities. As part of this effort, we will work with Hispanic and Asian American communities in Santa Clara and Yolo Counties in Northern California to assess how state programs for guaranteed basic income affect cancer outcomes. It will also test whether the earned income tax credit promotes the adoption of healthy behaviors related to reducing colorectal cancer risk. For more information about the five centers funded under the \$50 Million Persistent Poverty Program, click [here](#). For information about the \$75,000 pilot grants, click [here](#).

[UCSF CTSI funds its first pilot project in support of Broadly Engaged Team Science](#)

UCSF's **Resource Allocation Program (RAP)** has long provided seed funding to spark innovation by stimulating new collaborations between researchers from diverse fields. Now, with support from UCSF's CTSI and our Team Science program, RAP has an expanded definition of Team Science to allow for non-traditional co-investigators in community settings to be funded members of the team. After a competitive process, we are pleased to congratulate **Dr. Tasec Bongiovanni and collaborators** on securing the first award funded under this expanded definition of Team Science. The \$75,000 award will focus on developing interventions to recognize and address intimate partner violence during the hospital admissions process. For more information about this ongoing funding opportunity, click [here](#).

[FluFIT website updated – check it out!](#)

Many SFBayCRN affiliated clinics participated in research showing that offering colon cancer screening with fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) at the time of annual flu shots can be a great way to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in primary care. As flu and covid vaccine season approaches, and as many in primary care are still working to recover from the drop in colorectal cancer screening rates that took place during the pandemic, we want to remind you of our evidence based program, endorsed by NIH, CDC, and the American Cancer Society -- and our updated website, <https://flufit.org>.

[Annual UCSF Health Equity and Anti-Racism Research Symposium – Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Register Now!](#)

The annual UCSF Health Equity and Anti-Racism Research (HEAR) Symposium showcases research and action to advance health equity and anti-racism. The goal of the symposium is to build community among researchers across disciplines and across units, schools and campus sites and the wider Bay Area. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

[Annual SFBayCRN-IMPACT Meeting – Monday, April 29th, 2024 – Save the Date!](#)

We are excited to announce that our next annual meeting will focus on the research and policy at the intersection of housing, homelessness, and health. **Dr. Margo Kushel**, leader of the landmark [California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness](#), will be our keynote speaker. Our annual meeting also provides networking opportunities for UCSF researchers, clinical partners, and community leaders. Over the next few months, we will share our agenda, a call for abstracts, and registration information. The meeting is being held in the spring this year due to renovations planned for the UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center this winter. Please save the date and join us!

[Featured SFBayCRN Research:](#)

[*Colorectal Cancer Screening at the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic*](#)

Congratulations to research fellow **Eduardo Santiago-Rodriguez** for recently published evaluation of activities to support colorectal cancer screening in San Francisco's community health centers. Santiago-Rodríguez EJ, Hoeft KS, Lugtu K, McGowen M, Ofman D, Adler J, Somsouk M, Potter MB. [Implementation of a novel program to support colorectal cancer screening in a community health center consortium before and after the onset of COVID-19: a qualitative study of stakeholders' perspectives](#). *Implement Sci Commun*. 2023 May 22;4(1):54.