

# The Role of PBRNs in Practice Improvement and Transformation

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# Need for Practice Redesign

- Time of huge changes for primary care practices
- Patient Centered Medical Home
- Meaningful use
- Increasing focus on quality measurement and reporting, quality improvement



# Practice Assistance Models

- Practice coaching
- Practice Enhancement Assistants (PEAs)
  - Jim Mold, others
- Multi-practice collaboratives
- One goal is to transform the PBRN into a learning community



# Research Aspects

- Can sometimes structure as group randomized clinical trials of improvement methodologies
- More commonly, rigorous evaluation of multi-practice quality improvement efforts
- Mixed methods (qualitative plus quantitative), case studies, etc
- New methods emerging
- Increasing acceptance and interest



# Funding Sources

- Translational research study sections within NIH
- CTSA?
- AHRQ
- Foundations
- Extension service authorized in Affordable Care Act



# Summary

- Support for practice redesign is a huge area of need for our practices.
- PBRNs have the relationships with practices to help structure this support.
- There are lots of research questions around this area.
- There is funding to support this work.
- What's not to like?



# Thank You!

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