



## THE WISCONSIN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK (WREN)

The *Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN)* is a statewide practice-based research network (PBRN) of primary care clinicians and academic researchers. The vision of WREN is to improve health outcomes for the people of Wisconsin and beyond as a model practice-based research network. The WREN mission is to promote and conduct primary care research and education in partnership with primary care clinicians and the communities they serve. *WREN* is an active participant in the *UW CTSA* that promotes and conducts primary care research and education in partnership with PIs across the university, primary care clinicians and the communities they serve. A list of current and past projects is available at <https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/wren/>.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sustainability.** WREN has been in continuous operation since 1987, making it one of the oldest PBRNs in the country.
- **Engagement.** WREN disseminates practical and research information to more than 1,200 persons, including clinicians, researchers, and staff across the state of Wisconsin and beyond.
- **Statewide research.** During FY23, WREN was engaged in 16 clinical and practice improvement research projects. Topics included advance care planning, long COVID experiences, eczema in newborns, antibiotic use for acute respiratory infections, barriers to mammography in rural areas, reflections on the pandemic by rural primary care physicians, and African American women's experience of menopause.
- **Funding.** WREN has continued to attract high-quality, high-caliber projects supported by federal and local funding, including private foundations.

## FY23 KEY FACTS

- More than 1,200 clinicians, staff, and trainees engaged
- 16 active and QI projects including multicenter clinical studies
- National and international collaborations through Meta-LARC

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