



Wisconsin Research & Education Network

The Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN) is a statewide practice-based research network (PBRN) of primary care clinicians and academic researchers. Our mission is to improve health outcomes for the people of Wisconsin through education, and through promoting and conducting primary care research in partnership with clinicians and the communities they serve.

FY15 KEY FACTS

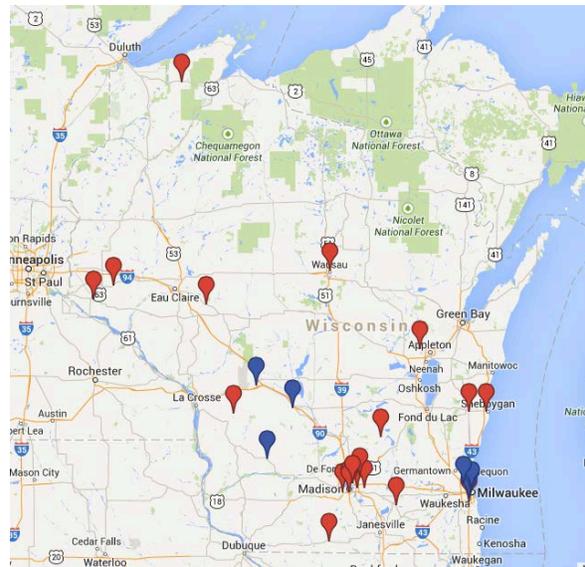
- Over 1200 clinicians, staff and trainees engaged
- 19 active research projects, including intra- and inter-state projects
- Nearly 300 clinicians and clinic staff participated in WREN research projects during FY 2015

PERSONNEL

- **David Hahn, MD, MS**, director
- **Regina Vidaver, PhD**, program manager
- **Amanda Hoffmann, MPH**, research coordinator
- **Amy Irwin, MS**, research coordinator
- **Denise Grossman**, programs associate

Highlights

- **Sustainability.** WREN has been in continuous operation since 1987, making it one of the oldest PBRNs in the country.
- **Increased funding.** WREN has continued to attract high-quality, high-caliber projects supported by federal and local funding, including private foundations.
- **Engagement.** WREN now disseminates practical and research information to more than 1200 individuals, including clinicians, researchers and staff across the entire state of Wisconsin and beyond. Our fall Convocation of Practices attracted 85 clinicians, staff, researchers and patients to discuss relevant issues in primary care and its research, and to brainstorm new opportunities for WREN.
- **Statewide research.** During fiscal year 2015, WREN was engaged in 19 clinical and practice improvement research projects. Topics included hypertension in young adults, asthma, chronic pain, influenza surveillance, vulvovaginal atrophy, preventing eczema, self-management of chronic conditions, understanding prescription warning labels and cognitive workload of clinicians.
- **National association.** WREN is a member of two AHRQ-funded Research Centers in Practice-Based Research and Learning consortiums. These consortia accelerate the generation of new knowledge and a community of learning for primary care practices to improve quality, patient safety and effectiveness of care.



Location of clinics participating in WREN studies during FY15. Blue locators indicate WREN full support clinics (clinics that commit to continuous engagement in WREN studies). Red locators indicate all other participating clinics.

- **Patient outcomes oriented.** WREN is participating in a study investigating whether the addition of clinical pharmacist medication management for patients with existing or at high risk for cardiovascular disease improves outcomes. The recruitment rate for this study is exceeding 30%, indicating high value of the study to participating patients.



Participants in a “Boot Camp Translation” meeting as part of the Implementing Network’s Self-management Tools Through Engaging Patients and Practices (INSTTEPP) multi-PBRN project.



Amanda Hoffmann, MPH, WREN Research Coordinator, and David Hahn, MD, MS, WREN Director, presenting their research poster at the 2015 national Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Annual Conference.