



Vision

To improve health outcomes for the people of Wisconsin and beyond as a model practice-based research network.

Mission

To promote and conduct primary care research and education in partnership with primary care clinicians and the communities they serve.

FY16 KEY FACTS

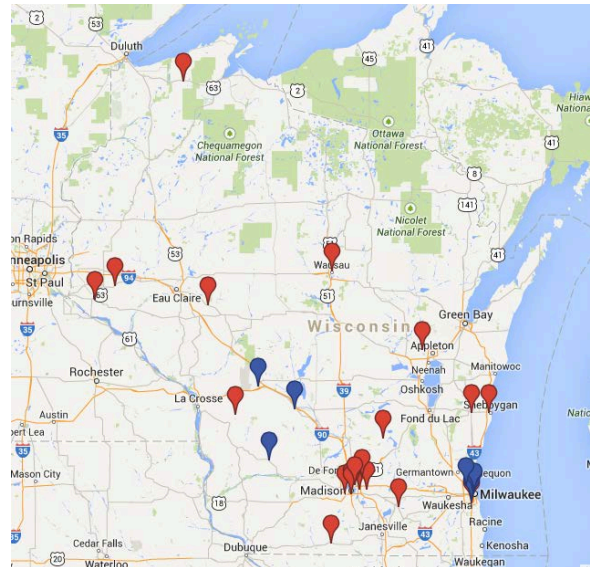
- Over 1200 clinicians, staff and trainees engaged
- 15 active research projects, including intra- and inter-state projects
- Nearly 300 clinicians and clinic staff participated in WREN research projects during FY 2016

PERSONNEL

- **David Hahn, MD, MS**, Director
- **Regina Vidaver, PhD**, Program Manager
- **Amy Irwin, MS**, Research Coordinator
- **Amanda Hoffmann, MPH**, Research Coordinator
- **Sofia Refetoff, PhD**, Research Coordinator
- **Danielle Smith, MPH**, Research Coordinator
- **Deanne Boss, MS**, Research Coordinator
- **Denise Grossman**, Program Associate

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sustainability:** WREN has been in continuous operation since 1987, making it one of the oldest and well known 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 disseminates practical and research information to more than 1200 individuals, including clinicians, researchers and staff across the state of Wisconsin and beyond.
- **Statewide Research:** During FY 2016, WREN was engaged in 15 clinical and practice improvement research projects. Topics included vulvovaginal atrophy, public health-primary care integration, chronic pain, developing a self-management support tool, medication therapy management, and the 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. PBRNs are designed to accomplish clinically-relevant real-world research in primary care practices.



Location of clinics participating in WREN studies during FY16. 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:** PCORI funding for the WREN Convocation of Practices ~ *Developing a Road Map for Optimum Patient-Partnered Chronic Condition Management* engaged a diverse group of representatives, including patients, advocates, clinicians, nurses, researchers, and public health workers in developing a list of key research topics around chronic condition management, treatment and cure.

Following the 2015 WREN Convocation of Practices, a multi-stakeholder working group comprised of staff began developing a five-year Research Agenda to address chronic condition management, treatment and cures.

The Working Group used the final report from the 2015 WREN Convocation of Practices – World Café to prioritize questions for further development. After many hours of long-hard work, the research questions have been finalized and a final report has been submitted to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). This report will serve as the basis for future collaborative grant applications.



Working Group Members Present at a celebratory dinner Include (Left to Right): Amanda Hoffmann, WREN Regional Research Coordinator; David Hahn, WREN Director; Deb Constien, Patient Advocate, Arthritis Foundation of WI; Albert Musa, Dean Health Systems; Jeffrey Perzan, Patient Advocate, American Diabetes Association & WI Diabetes Advisory Group; Jill Kietzke, UW Health Mount Horeb; and Regina Vidaver, WREN Program Manager.

Members Missing From Photo: David Feldstein, UW-SMPH General Internal Medicine; Augustine Tatus, Patient Advocate, UWHC Patient & Family Advisor and Burn Unit Volunteer; Shahida Munim, Internal Medicine Associates of Milwaukee; and Denise Grossman, WREN Program Associate.