

AHRQ's Primary Care Practice Facilitation Forum

New & Noteworthy

PCMH Resource Center

The primary care medical home, also referred to as the patient centered medical home (PCMH), advanced primary care, and the healthcare home, is a promising model for transforming the organization and delivery of primary care.

We provide implementers, decision makers, and researchers with access to evidence-based resources about the medical home and its potential to transform primary care and improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of U.S. health care.

Please visit us at pcmh.ahrq.gov.

This electronic newsletter continues our efforts toward building a learning network for individuals with an interest in practice facilitation. We will use this listserv to share questions and answers submitted by learning forum members, as well as resources, research articles, and events of interest to the community.

Upcoming Newsletter Focus – Previewing New Modules

Helping Practices Optimize Electronic Health Records (EHRs) for Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Transformation and Quality Improvement

Practices can optimize their EHR to support key PCMH functions. This topic is the focus of a new module in our upcoming, expanded version of [The Practice Facilitation Handbook: Training Modules for New Facilitators and Their Trainers](#). Our upcoming newsletter will explore best practices for practice facilitators beginning to utilize the power of EHRs, including how to identify key EHR-related workflows in a practice and helping practice facilitators understand the roles they can play and the important decisions they can make when helping their practices.

This module was the focus of our October webinar which you can still listen to through this link: [Use of Health IT](#). This includes full access to all the resources available during the live event.

Additionally, if you would like to listen to any of our other PF webinars in the series, regarding the [PF Case Studies](#), [Supporting Patient Safety](#), [Patient Engagement](#), or [Introducing the PF Curriculum](#), respectively, please click the appropriate link and register for the event you wish to listen to. If you have already registered for these events, simply sign in. This will bring you to all of the resources available during the live event, including audio and a slide deck.

Related Resource

Updated Resource! [AHRQ's PCMH Citations Collection](#)

This [searchable database](#) allows policymakers and researchers to identify the leading resources on the medical home by topic, population, bibliographic information, or keyword. It includes journal articles, reports, policy briefs, select newsletter/trade publications, and position statements. The collection now includes over 1800 items published through December 2014 and new citations are added on a quarterly basis.

Call for Reviewers

Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC) Looking for Reviewers

ONC is looking for Objective Reviewers for the three Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) made public February 3, 2015:

- [Advance Interoperable Health Information Technology Services to Support Health Information Exchange](#)
- [Workforce Training to Educate Health Care Professionals in Health Information Technology](#)
- [Community Health Peer Learning Program](#)

The application deadline for all three FOAs is April 6, 2015 and ONC is looking for Objective Reviewers to help with the selection process in late April 2015.

If you are interested in being an Objective Reviewer please submit your resume/CV to ONC_ObjectiveReview@hhs.gov by **tomorrow**, March 20, 2015.

Upcoming Event

Care Management: Key Elements and Implications for Medical Practice, Health Policy and Health Services Research

Register Now! Wednesday, April 15 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

AHRQ and the University of Utah are hosting a webinar to discuss a white paper highlighting care management and the findings of various AHRQ-funded studies. Moderated by Janice Genevro and Michael Harrison of AHRQ, speakers include:

- Ed Wagner, MD, MPH, Group Health Research Institute Senior Investigator and Director (Emeritus), MacColl Center
- Timothy W. Farrell, MD, AGSF, University of Utah
- Andrada Tomoiaia-Cotisel, MPH, MHA, PhD (Cand), University of Utah
- Debra Scammon, PhD, Julie Day, MD, University of Utah
- Michael Magill, MD, University of Utah

There is no cost to participate and pre-registration is not required. To attend the webinar, either:

- Join the WebEx Meeting: click <https://hhs-ahrq.webex.com/hhs-ahrq>, Password: Ahrq123, or
- Join by phone: Call toll-free at 1-877-668-4490 (US/Canada), Access code: 715 471 447

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