

ARCHNET ADVISOR

Newsletter for the ARCHNet Practice-Based Research Network

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ARCHNet is off to a great start!

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As part of Saint Louis University's Department of Family and Community Medicine's commitment to community-based research, we established ARCHNet. ARCHNet members are most interested in health disparities, behavioral health, quality improvement, access to care and chronic health conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

There are several exciting projects which are currently underway through ARCHNet. In the 2015 kick-off meetings ARCHNet members collaborated on two exciting projects to better understand the health of our patients. Results of one of these projects, focused on the relationship between patient reports of allergies and mental health disorders, is reported on the next page. The other project focused on assessing mental health issues and social support available to individuals with chronic pain is ongoing.

ARCHNet has also established exciting collaborations with our department's Medical Family Therapy program, and SLUCOR (SLU's Center for Outcomes Research). Our founding ARCHNet members are: Denise Hooks-Anderson, Bill Manard, Christian Verry, Lawrence Gibbs, Mattie White, Kristen Reineke-Piper, Michael Barron and Denise Buck.

“The emergence and success of practice-based research networks (PBRNs) over the past decade provide an important infrastructure for careful study of health care phenomena that comprise primary care, and PBRNs have begun to contribute important information to the knowledge base of primary care.”

*Dr. Paul Nutting,
JAMA 281(811), 1999*



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ONGOING PROJECTS

- Multiple Allergies and Psychiatric Factors
- Web-based research tools for PBRN users
- Vaccine Refusal Research
- Chronic Pain and Trauma

