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I hope your summer is off to a successful start and you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of some rest and fun over the next several months. Things at NAPCRG have been very busy as we wrap up one conference and get ready for another.

NAPCRG hosted its second [Practice-Based Research Network \(PBRN\)](#)

[Conference](#) June 18-19 in Bethesda, MD. It was a very successful conference with topics ranging from federal funding opportunities, best practices, toolkits and process improvements for PBRNs. See below for a full wrap-up.

Plans are being finalized for the 2013 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, which will be held in Ottawa, Canada, November 9-13. The Program Committee, under the expertise of Martin Dawes, PhD, is finalizing the workshops, presentations and poster sessions and final arrangements are being made with our plenary speakers. Stay tuned for additional information and registration in the coming weeks. Preliminary details can be found [here](#). Also, the students, residents and fellows [call for submissions](#) is now open.



This summer, we will begin the work of creating a new strategic plan for NAPCRG. Our current strategic plan expired in 2012 and the Executive Committee established a small working group to formulate a thorough process to establish the organization's strategic direction for the next three to five years.

Gathering input from our membership is paramount to this process, and we have plans to conduct qualitative interviews as well as focus groups. Should you have feedback about what you want from your NAPCRG membership, please feel free to send me a note at [tvansaghi@napcrg.org](mailto:tvansaghi@napcrg.org). I'd love to hear from you.

My best,

Tom

Tom Vansaghi, PhD

NAPCRG Executive Director

## Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 12 - Student/Resident/Fellow Call for Papers Deadline

Nov. 9-13 - Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada

## Noteworthy News



## Wrap Up of PBRN Conference

NAPCRG's second Practice-Based Research Network Conference (June 18-19) was a rousing success and provided an opportunity for learning and networking for all in attendance. There were 176 attendees present, from the U.S. and Canada, and the content was top notch presented through

a preconference workshop, 8 oral presentations, 13 workshops, and 50 posters.

Attendees represented the disciplines of Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Pharmacy, Epidemiology, Cardiology, Health Services Research, Dentistry, Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Anthropology, Psychology, and Statistics.

Available now on the [PBRN webpage](#) on the NAPCRG website are the audio files of the plenary sessions, as well as abstracts from the workshops, presentations and posters. In the coming weeks, workshop and presentation summaries will be posted as well as photos from the conference.

NAPCRG plans to work closely with the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) this summer to secure a three-year grant to continue offering this conference in the future.

Special thanks to Rowena Dolor, MD and LJ Fagnan, MD, the conference co-chairs, for all of their time, expertise and efforts to make the conference a huge success. AND, a big thank you to Jill Haight, NAPCRG's Program and Marketing Specialist, for her tireless efforts and dedication to ensure that everything went perfectly.

### **We want your feedback!**

For those who attended the PBRN Conference, please provide us with your thoughts and feedback. It is so important to hear from you as we plan for future conferences. The overall conference evaluation can be found [here](#). Thank you!

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**Student/Resident/Fellow Call for Papers**

The NAPCRG 2013 Student/Resident/Fellow Works-in-Progress Call for Papers is now open.

Students, residents, and fellows are invited to submit a poster at the 2013 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, which will be held November 9-13 in Ottawa, Ontario. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the world.

The submission deadline is August 12, 2013 (midnight).

Click [here](#) to submit or find out more information.

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## **Evaluating Practice Transformation Resources**

At the 2012 NAPCRG Annual Meeting in New Orleans, a preconference workshop and four additional sessions explored the emerging science of

evaluating practice transformation.

Now available on the NAPCRG website is a special [web page](#) devoted to this topic with video clips of interviews with the session presenters and summaries of the sessions. Check it out for additional information not presented at the Annual Meeting, or learn something new if you were not in attendance.

Also included is an open forum to discuss this topic. Click [here](#) for the opportunity to comment and share with colleagues. Post new information, provide your experiences, and share resources with fellow researchers.

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## **New Guide Available on Using Health Information Exchange in Primary Care**

A new guide developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) outlines a framework for primary care practices to connect to regional health information exchanges. "Regional Health eDecisions: A Guide to Connecting Health Information Exchange in Primary Care," establishes a blueprint for assessing organizational readiness for connecting an electronic health record (EHR) to a Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO), creating leadership and clinician buy-in for information exchange, addressing technical issues, and ensuring that data acquired from information exchange is accessible within clinician workflows.

Using practical insights from Oklahoma Physicians Resource/Research Network, the guide provides a framework for using information obtained from RHIOs for clinical decision-making and the delivery of preventive services. With special sections for practice leaders, IT staff, and practice personnel, the guide outlines practical approaches to achieve optimal connectedness with RHIOs to support patient centered care.

Access to the guide is [here](#).

As a complement to the guide, AHRQ will be hosting a webinar August 6 about using health information exchange to improve primary care practice. [Visit here](#) to register.



## Member Spotlight

### Help us with our Member Spotlight!

Answer at least three of the following questions in a few brief sentences and send your answers to Kristin at [krobinson@napcrg.org](mailto:krobinson@napcrg.org). Please send a photo too (preferably something besides a head shot).

- 1) What are your research interests?
- 2) What is your fondest NAPCRG memory/experience?
- 3) What are your hobbies and interest that aren't commonly known?
- 4) What would you love to learn more about? What connections would you like to make?
- 5) What are your favorite professional resources, meetings, secrets, tips?

## About NAPCRG

The North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) is a 1,400-member association committed to producing and disseminating new knowledge from all disciplines relevant to primary care. NAPCRG has bi-national governance (US-Canada) and international research vision and outreach.

NAPCRG's Annual Meeting is the premier international forum for presenting new knowledge in primary care and advanced in research methodology. NAPCRG is committed to a nurturing, informative and inspiring environment for all members.

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