Support for Primary Care Practices to Participate in Research

Primary care plays a central role in promoting long-term health for children and adolescents and for family wellbeing. Providing comprehensive care can be challenging: many children have underlying medical problems like asthma and ADHD, behavioral health problems like anxiety and depression are increasing, there are many complex social needs like food and housing insecurity, and the financial pressures on busy practices are growing. Research can help identify the best strategies to provide care. Participating in research can bring new excitement into practice. Participating can also bring direct benefits to the practice, including resources and the ability to earn CME or Maintenance of Certification credit. However, it can be hard to find relevant research opportunities and know how to participate within the constraints of a busy clinic.

The Primary Care Research Network (PCRN) at Nationwide Children's Hospital streamlines the integration of research into primary care in collaboration with Partners For Kids (PFK). By serving as a liaison between clinics and researchers, the PCRN can improve the experience of research participation in primary care.

How Can the PCRN Help Your Practice?

- The PCRN can connect your practice to ongoing studies at Nationwide Children's that have been evaluated by PCRN leadership and modified when necessary to improve their feasibility in primary care settings.
- The PCRN can also review study protocols if another researcher or research organization reaches out to your practice directly to help you understand the importance and the feasibility of the work and to guide you in participation if your practice chooses to do so.

How Do You Partner With the PCRN?

- If your practice is interested in greater participation in research studies, please contact us at pcrn@nationwidechildrens.org
- If a researcher approaches you, you are welcome to refer them to the PCRN and we can evaluate the study and help you determine if it makes sense for your practice to participate.

For more information about the PCRN, you can go to NationwideChildrens.org/PCRN or scan the QR code

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