

WVPBRN & COMMUNITY NEWS

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REMINDER: Rural Health Conference Networking Event

The WVPBRN will be hosting a networking dinner on Thursday, October 20th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. during the Rural Health Conference at Chief Logan Resort. This event is open to all WVPBRN members in attendance and includes a dinner buffet.

This networking event will provide WVPBRN members with another opportunity to communicate with other sites across the state. If you plan to attend the event, contact Jay Mason (jdmason@hsc.wvu.edu) by September 30, 2016.

Full conference and one-day registrations are available through the West Virginia Rural Health Association. For more information on the conference, visit their website at WVRHA.

A full WVPBRN Retreat will be held in the spring of 2017 and will focus on network goals, researcher and community partners, patient engagement strategies, and result dissemination.

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WVCTSI will be holding public town hall meetings in early August. These town hall meetings will provide community members an opportunity to discuss the health concerns they feel are most important in their communities with representatives from WVCTSI. Complementary refreshments will be provided to attendees. These meetings are open to the public, however RSVP is preferred. Please RSVP to 304.581.1841 or Theresa.bailey1@hsc.wvu.edu

WVCTSI Town Hall Meetings:

Greenbrier Valley: Thursday, August 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Center

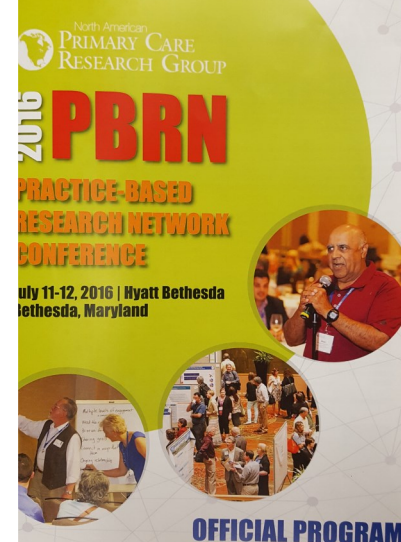
New River Valley: Thursday, August 4, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Adventures on the Gorge Conference Center

Mid-Ohio Valley: Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Room 139, Stotts Administration Building, Ohio Valley University

SPOTLIGHT: WVPBRN presents findings at national conference

The North American Primary Care Research Group held its annual PBRN Conference on July 11-12 in Bethesda, Maryland. Each year, members from PBRNs meet to discuss research topics, hold workshops in a variety of topic areas, and present findings from their network collaborative projects.

This year, two WVPBRN abstracts were selected for oral presentation: "Impact on Practice-based Research Networks of Partnerships with Clinical and Translational Science Awards—Results from the CERA PBRN Directors Survey" presented by Drs. Allison Cole of the University of Washington and Treah Haggerty from WVU, and "Diabetic Retinopathy Detection in Rural Primary Care Addressing Community Access Needs Using Advanced Technology in the West Virginia PBRN" presented by Stacey Whanger.



WVPBRN attendees included Treah Haggerty, MD, WVU Family Medicine, Bill Lewis, MD, Harpers Ferry Family Medicine, and Stacey Whanger, WVPBRN network coordinator.

The focus of the conference was on "Dissemination and Implementation: Ensuring PBRN (and Patient Centered Outcomes) Research Evidence is Understood and Used." Workshops and presentations showcased new ideas, strategies, and successes from all PBRNs around North America.

For a complete list and description of the sessions offered at this year's conference, see [PBRN Conference 2016](#).

Next year's conference is scheduled to take place June 22-23, 2017 in Bethesda, Maryland.

Healthy eating and regular exercise challenges in West Virginia

Emily Barnes, DNP, a clinical associate professor in the West Virginia University School of Nursing, is seeking patients to participate in a study to identify and describe perceived barriers to adherence to obesity management (healthy diet and regular exercise) for adults in West Virginia who are attending healthcare visits in family medicine or primary care clinics.

Participants must be 18 years or older, not currently pregnant, and have a BMI of 25 or greater to participate.

Recruitment handouts can be placed at check-in and check-out desks where patients can easily see it. A tear-away tag handout might work best on the wall near the scale, where patients are weighed. Each clinic that participates may decide the best way to incorporate the recruitment/flyers into their work flow.

Resources and support are available from Dr. Barnes and the WVPBRN.

Participants will need to email study personnel in order to receive a link to the online survey. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and asks questions about demographics as well as noted barriers to exercise and healthy eating habits. This study has the goal of recruiting 400 participants. Each participant who completes the survey and provides their contact information will be entered into a random drawing for one of 10 Fit Bit Alta bands.



If you are interested in obtaining patient recruitment handouts, please contact Emily Barnes, 304-293-1776 or ebarnes@hsc.wvu.edu. Handouts can be sent electronically or mailed directly to the clinical site.

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