



About Advance RI-CTR

The [Advance RI-CTR](#) is an Institutional Development Award for Clinical and Translational Research (IDeA-CTR) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (U54GM115677) for the state of Rhode Island. The grant aims to support Rhode Island investigators through **funding**, **research resources and services**, and **professional development offerings**. The goal is to fuel discoveries and collaborations that are responsive to the health priorities of our state's diverse communities.

Based at Brown University, we are a statewide partnership between the University of Rhode Island, Care New England Health System, Lifespan Health System, and the VA Providence Healthcare System. One of the main charges of the Advance RI-CTR Community Engagement and Outreach Core is to create and maintain a Community-Engaged Practice-Based Research Network (CEPBRN).

What is a PBRN?

Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs) are groups of primary care clinicians and practices working together to answer community-based health care questions and translate research findings into practice. By participation in PBRN, practice organizations and providers can access resources from Advance RI-CTR, including vetted research proposals. These proposals are designed to align with the goals and priorities of the practices and providers, such as improving health care quality, fostering innovation, and achieving significant breakthroughs for patients, providers, and communities. Providers and practices have the flexibility to choose whether to participate in the projects proposed by external researchers or those developed internally by the practices and/or providers themselves.

We are a *Community Engaged Practice – Based Research Network (CEPBRN)* because we put the community voice at the center of all PBRN activities. We bring our communities to the forefront through our Community Advisory and Action Board (CAAB) and the Advance RI-CTR Community Engagement Studios.

Community Engaged Practice-Based Research Network (CEPBRN)

Mission: to support research among researchers, practices, clinicians, and community partners that is collaborative and meaningful to all stakeholders.

WHAT DOES THE CEPBRN PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY?

Community Based Organizations

- Helps Community Organizations to partner with primary care practices and find ways that research can advance community health and wellness needs and initiatives.
- Advance RI-CTR can help to bring transparency to the research culture and facilitate a pathway that increases researchers' awareness of the community culture.

Community Members

- Opportunity to participate in research and clinical trials that can positively impact your health outcomes.
- Potential for individuals to bring their ideas for needed research to the table and inform research study design and implementation.
- Potential to earn a financial incentive through participation in research studies and feedback sessions.

WHAT DOES THE CEPBRN PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY?

- Through the research protocol participants could receive complementary medical scans, lab work, medication, an/or other testing as relevant to the study design.
- Research studies could provide participants with patient navigators who can provide connections to other needed services (i.e., food banks, SNAP, housing, etc.).
- Research participants could have the opportunity to learn and increase their knowledge regarding relevant health conditions and topics.
- Potential to network with other community members participating in a study as well as care providers to increase support with a given health concern.

THE PBRN COMPRISES



102 practices

440+ providers



300K+ patients