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## What is 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, Brown University Health, 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 collaborations that involve practicing clinicians in formulating and answering clinical and organizational questions relevant to their practices and the communities they serve. By participation in PBRN, practice organizations and providers can access resources from Advance RI-CTR, including vetted research proposals. These proposals align with the practices and providers' goals and priorities such as improving health care quality, fostering innovation, and achieving significant breakthroughs for patients, providers, and communities. Individual providers and practices have the flexibility to choose whether to participate in the proposed projects that have been proposed by external researchers or internally developed by the practices and/or providers.

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 community to the forefront through our Community Advisory and Action Board (CAAB) and our Community Engagement Studios.

## Community Engaged Practice-Based Research Network (CEPBRN)

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

## What are the benefits of participating in a CEPBRN?

1. **Influence on Research:** Affiliated practices can provide input on research that is clinically meaningful that could improve patient care and health outcomes.
2. **Grant Support:** Advance RI-CTR assists CEPBRN-affiliated practices and providers in writing grants to secure funding and offers support throughout the process.
3. **Implementation Science Access:** Advance RI CTR can support best practices to improve patient care and health outcomes through consultations.
4. **Access to Innovative Research:** Affiliated practices receive new and innovative research findings from Advance RI-CTR researchers that may benefit patients and the broader community.
5. **Collaborative Network:** Affiliates join a network of interconnected clinicians working together to improve patient care and health outcomes through research.

## What are the benefits of participating in a CEPBRN? Continued

6. **Comprehensive Services:** Affiliates have access to all Advance RI-CTR services, which includes support and training in grant writing, data management, community-engaged research, and much more. All services are free of charge.
7. **Career and Research Growth:** Advance RI-CTR offers opportunities for clinicians to participate in scholarly activities that can enhance their joy of practice.

# THE PBRN COMPRISES



102 practices

440+ providers



300K+ patients

The Advance RI-CTR CEPBRN strives to make a difference and positive impact for patients and clinicians through collaborative research.



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