



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 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 (PBRN).

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.

Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

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

WHAT DOES THE PBRN PROVIDE?	WHAT DO WE ASK OF PRACTICES?
• A process by which investigators connect with our practice networks to collaborate on mutually beneficial research projects. • Complementary consultations for community engaged projects from either the community or practices in the PBRN. • Access to research services, professional development, and educational offerings. • Access to a consortium of community-based clinics for networking and collaboration opportunities. • Opportunity to partner with clinicians to pursue research goals and publish academic manuscripts.	• Complete a MOU with Advance RI-CTR as a participant of the PBRN. • Designate a representative of the practice to be on the PBRN Steering Committee. • Designate a contact person to respond to requests by Advance RI-CTR-affiliated staff. • Collaborate on research projects (if agree to participate in specific project). • Provide information about the practice and feedback about your experience working within the PBRN.

Examples of research activities that could be conducted in collaboration with a PBRN-affiliated practice:

1. **Collaborate on Quality Improvement Projects with Affiliated Practices**
2. **Assistance in patient recruitment:** Advise and consult on recruitment strategies for patient enrollment in clinical trials in the PBRN.
3. **Assistance in data analysis:** Advance RI-CTR BERD Core can provide researcher consultation on survey development, data collection, management, and analysis.
4. **Facilitation of research engagement with clinic team and/or patients:** The PBRN connects investigators to clinics, providers, and patients to facilitate research collaborations.
5. **Pilot test:** New instruments, decision support tools, digital assistant devices, and other interventions.
6. **Implementation and Dissemination:** Test innovative strategies for implementation and dissemination at the practice level to improve patient and community outcomes.

Note. There is a formal process through which Advance RI-CTR will help connect researchers to PBRN-affiliated practices. Practices and individual providers will assess their interest in and capacity to participate in proposed projects. Practices/providers who decline to participate in a given project will still be considered part of the PBRN. Please visit our website to learn more about working with the PBRN or joining as an affiliated practice.

THE PBRN COMPRISES



104 practices

440+ providers



300K+ patients



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