Health IMPACTS for Florida: Utilizing Community-Based Participatory Research Principles to Strengthen a PBRN

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### Setting and Participants

Health IMPACTS statewide PBRN based on the partnership of University of Florida (UF) and the Florida State University (FSU).

- 22 clinics: Community health centers, private practices, academic clinics, hospitals, school-based clinics, residency programs and federally qualified health centers
- 137 providers: specialties include pediatrics, family medicine, adolescent medicine and sports medicine

Cities represented in Health IMPACTS are Gainesville, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tallahassee. Community stakeholders include academic faculty, community organization leaders and practice directors

### Evaluation

- Health IMPACTS successfully recruited 41 practices that were involved in at least one study
- Each practice reported weekly feedback of their participation experiences via in-person CRA visits
- These were recorded as fidelity monitoring for all sites, and used for collaborative quality improvement
- A research summit was held to disseminate findings and lessons learned, and to gather information from providers on their research experiences, topic areas/research questions for future studies, provider incentives to promote continued and expanded participation, and feedback from subjects and parents
- Final study summaries were disseminated to all participating practices after study completion
- Practices that completed at least one study expressed interest in participating in future Health IMPACTS research opportunities

### CBPR Components

- The program identity of Health IMPACTS is reflected in its logo, which cites community-based approach to its collaboration

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A UF-FSU Collaboration Integrating Medical Practice and Community-based Translational Science

- Key community and academic stakeholders helped identify and then facilitate relationships for Health IMPACTS to successfully partner with respective practices
- Creation and implementation of research protocols for Health IMPACTS studies were shaped with practice involvement
- Specific study implementation logistics varied across each practice to coincide with the site’s characteristics, resources and workflow
- Results of the study were disseminated back to practices, with special emphasis on desired outcomes of focus
- In one practice, the final study protocol was specifically catered to the needs of the practice and its patients

### Discussion

- CBPR principles are crucial to the vitality of the Health IMPACTS PBRN
- Successful recruitment of practices and study participation to completion varied on several factors, such as interest in the research topics, perceived benefits of study involvement, staff support, clinic needs and characteristics, information technology capabilities, study fit with patient populations and disruption of workflow
- Health IMPACTS will continue to draw upon CBPR tenets to enrich its network, stakeholder relationships and synergistic collaborative model

### References


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