

## **ORPRN Receives Master Contract from AHRQ**

January 24, 2007 - ORPRN was selected by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to serve as a contractor for practice-based research for the next three to five years. This status was obtained through an extensive competitive application process in 2006 in which networks throughout the country submitted bids to receive master contracts from AHRQ. ORPRN will be one of a handful of networks approved to bid on "task orders" issued by AHRQ. These research or quality improvement projects will range in scope and may include preventive care, methods of diagnosing/treating common conditions, health care for priority populations, health information technology, and readiness for emerging public health problems, and the coordination and delivery of primary care.