

ORPRN Active Projects Flyer

Currently Recruiting

ADA Obesity and CKD Quality Improvement in Primary Care

Topic: Improve the capacity for primary care practices to support adult patients with diabetes. This program combines clinical education and quality improvement coaching to improve clinic practices and workflow to 1) improve patient-centered conversations around weight and supporting evidence-based obesity management and 2) improve screening and referrals for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Currently recruiting primary care practices that serve adult patients with diabetes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

PI: Caitlin Dickinson, M.P.H.

Funder: American Diabetes Association (ADA)

Term: 2026-2027

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PARADE — Parent-Assisted Remote Assessment of Dermatitis

Topic: PARADE Aim 2 is about how dermatologists evaluate eczema severity in young children. The study is recruiting parents of children aged 30 days to 5 years who have been diagnosed with eczema and receive care at OHSU. Study activities include a short survey about the child's skin and eczema history and taking pictures of the child's skin so that a Dermatologist evaluate the eczema remotely. Participants receive \$25 at the completion of the study.

PI: Eric Simpson, M.D.

Funder: NIAMS

Term: 2024-2027

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REACH — Real-world Evidence to Advance Multi-Cancer Early Detection Health Equity (REACH/Galleri-Medicare study)

Topic: The national REACH study aims to see how a simple blood test can find cancer early in more than 50 types of cancers. Currently enrolling patients 50 years and older insured by Medicare or Medicare Advantage and cancer-free for at least three years. Enrollment locations include Astoria, Beaverton, Hood River, Portland, and The Dalles.

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Funder: GRAIL

Term: 2026-2027

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SMBP — The Self-Measured Blood Pressure Study

Topic: To learn more about pharmacist support for high blood pressure. We are hoping to find out if working with both a pharmacist and a primary care team helps patients monitor and lower their blood pressure more effectively than working with only the primary care team. Currently recruiting primary care practices to support the enrollment of 20 adult patients 65 and older who have high blood pressure and one or more additional cardiovascular conditions.

PI: Annette Totten, Ph.D.

Funder: Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Term: 2025-2029

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Advanced Health Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Provider Network Capacity Building

Topic: In partnership with Advanced Health, explore the development of community care hubs in Coos and Curry counties to strengthen regional coordination, capacity, and resilience in delivering health and social services. This could involve providing training, technical assistance, resources, and mentorship in the core functions of community care hubs. This work aims to build a better functioning social care network in Advanced Health's service region.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: Advanced Health

Term: 2025-2027

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BH Modeling—Oregon Behavioral Health Modeling Project

Topic: In partnership with Health Share of Oregon and the Oregon Behavioral Health Coordination Center (OBCC), we are building simulation models of current acute mental health systems in the Portland tri-county area and across the state. These models will support policy makers in identifying gaps and guide strategic investments to better meet the needs of people in acute mental health crisis.

PI: Erin Kenzie, Ph.D., Kristen Hassmiller-Lich, Ph.D., Alex Nielsen, Ph.D.

Funder: Oregon Legislature and Health Share of Oregon

Term: 2023-2026

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CARAVAN — The MISSION Act's Impact on Rural Veteran Access to and Experience of Care

Topic: A qualitative and quantitative examination of impact of Congress' VA MISSION Act (June 2019) on rural veterans' access to and experience of care in rural Western states.

PI: Melinda Davis, Ph.D.

Funder: Department of Veterans Affairs

Term: 2019-2026

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CEAL—Network for Community-engaged Primary Care Research (NCPCR)

Topic: The CHW-SYSTIM (Community Health Workers SYStematically assessing and addressing social determinants of health To Improve) research study aims to help people living with diabetes and high blood pressure at community health centers. Community Health Workers (CHWs) screen patients about their social needs and strive to get them the necessary help. The study is part of the Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) program which uses community-engaged research in primary care settings.

PI: Paula Darby Lipman, Ph.D. (WESTAT)

Funder: NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Term: 2022-2026

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Community Care Hub (CCH) with Cascade Health Alliance (CHA) for Health-Related Social Needs

Topic: In partnership with CHA, establish and operationalize a regional CCH that strengthens the coordination, quality, and equity of HRSN services to Medicaid members in Klamath County. This work includes building a unified network of HRSN service providers with shared workflows for closed-loop, bi-directional referrals using a Community Information Exchange, along with standardized processes for data exchange, billing, and reporting. We also provide ongoing training and technical assistance to strengthen HRSN service providers. As CHA's HRSN Outreach and Engagement Provider, we deliver trauma-informed, culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach to ensure all members have equitable access to HRSN benefits.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: Community Capacity Building Funds, Cascade Health Alliance

Term: 2025-2027

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CRC TA—Colorectal Cancer Screening Technical Assistance

Topic: To improve colorectal cancer screening through technical assistance and clinical and community partnerships.

PI: Jennifer Coury, M.A.

Funder: Oregon Health Authority

Term: 2020-2025

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Deflection Technical Assistance

Topic: Provide technical assistance to counties, law enforcement and behavioral health providers to support Oregon's implementation of behavioral health deflection programs as directed in House Bill 4002.

PI: Dan Hoover, M.D.

Funder: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)

Term: 2024-2027

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Eastern Oregon Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Provider

Topic: Provide outreach and engagement services to Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization members to help members apply for and receive covered HRSN benefits under the Oregon Health Plan as well as other social and healthcare services.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: Eastern Oregon CCO

Term: 2025-2027

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Eastern Oregon Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment in Jails Program Administration

Topic: In partnership with the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO), support the administration, coordination, and evaluation of the Jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment Program to prevent withdrawal, overdose, and recidivism.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H. and Dan Hoover, M.D.

Funder: Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization

Term: 2023-2026

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Employee STRENGTH

Topic: Employee STRENGTH (sometimes referred to as the "Employee-CHW Benefit" internally) is an employee assistance program where OHSU staff members are offered confidential access to Community Health Workers (CHWs). CHWs support employee needs by connecting them to both external support and services (i.e. social services, housing, food/utility resources) and internal OHSU resources (i.e. benefits programs, on-campus support). Current rollout is limited to 6 departments at OHSU, including Sterile Processing, Environmental Services, Food and Nutrition Services, Custodial, Patient Transportation, and is currently expanding to departments on floor 7 of Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The program will continue to spread to additional departments. Future implementation beyond OHSU is projected to include organizations both within Oregon and beyond.

PI: Brian Frank, M.D.

Funder: OHSU Employee Benefits Council

Term: 2025 – 2028

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Grant County Emergency Preparedness and Response

Topic: County in strengthening its capacity and resilience to plan for and respond to major emergencies and disasters, as well as improving essential health outcomes. This includes convening a local coalition of residents, community organizations, health care providers, and government agencies to create a community-driven Emergency Preparedness and Response plan; hosting learning collaboratives to support cross-sector strategy and coordination in emergencies; and developing a blueprint for other rural counties to organize and develop their plans.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: Blue Mountain Hospital District

Term: 2026-2027

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GWEP — Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

Topic: Increase Oregon's healthcare workforce, community organization, and caregiver capacity to care for older adults and develop reciprocal partnerships with primary care delivery sites that foster age-friendly health systems.

PI: Laura Byerly, M.D.

Funder: Bureau of Health Professions/HRSA/DHHS

Term: 2024-2029

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Handbook For Health IT Advisors And Practice Facilitators Revision

Topic: Enhance and expand the existing handbook for Health IT advisors and practice facilitators.

PI: Melinda Davis, Ph.D.

Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Term: 2025-2026

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HEAL-OR

Topic: HEAL-OR is a five-year project focusing efforts in six rural counties in Oregon. Primary activities include: creating a rural advisory panel; utilizing the Project ECHO learning community model to improve access and quality of care in rural Oregon; partnering with Coordinated Care Organizations to guide ECHO programs; and creating a best-practice toolkit.

PI: Jonathan Betlinski, M.D.

Funder: DHHS HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy

Term: 2021-2026

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InterCommunity Health Network Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Provider Network Capacity Building

Topic: In partnership with InterCommunity Health Network, explore the development of community care hubs in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties to strengthen regional coordination, capacity, and resilience in delivering health and social services. This could involve providing training, technical assistance, resources, and mentorship in the core functions of community care hubs. This work aims to build a better functioning social care network in InterCommunity Health Network's service region.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: InterCommunity Health Network

Term: 2025-2027

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OEN — Oregon ECHO Network

Topic: A tele-mentoring education model designed to build the capacity of primary care clinicians and educate clinical teams on a variety of topics.

Funder: Various, including CCOs, Department of Human Services, and the Oregon Health Authority

Term: Ongoing

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Web Link: www.oregonechonetwork.org

OHSU Health Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Quality Funding Administration

Topic: In partnership with OHSU Health IDS, provide oversight and administration to the Quality Funding Request Program.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: OHSU Health IDS

Term: 2024-2026

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PATHFINDER 2 — Clinical Trial of a Multiple Early Cancer Detection Test in Partnership with Knight Cancer Institute

Topic: Testing how well an early tests can detect many types of cancer via simple blood draw.

PI: Tomasz Beer, M.D.

Funder: GRAIL

Term: 2022-2027

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PRaCTICe — The Primary Care Rural and Frontier Clinical Trials Innovation Center

Topic: Co-led by the Directors of ORPRN and WPRN and will synergistically utilize strengths from each PBRN and affiliated CTSA to include four hubs focused on community engagement, recruitment, communications, and data coordination.

MPIs: Melinda Davis, Ph.D. and Allison Cole, M.D. (University of Washington)

Funder: NIH Office of the Director

Term: 2026

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PREVENTABLE — PRagmatic EValuation of evENTs And Benefits of Lipid-lowering in oldEr Adults

Topic: Evaluate the benefit and risks of moderate-intensity statin for preventing dementia and prolonging disability-free survival in a diverse population of patients 75 years and older without heart disease.

PI: Karen Alexander, M.D. (Duke University)

Funder: NIH National Institute on Aging

Term: 2023-2027

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RSELVES — Remote Sensing of (Older Adult Partners') Engagement In Life And Variability In Everyday Support

Topic: To better understand how couples' social and physical routines can affect health and aging.

PI: Lyndsey Anderson, Ph.D.

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Term: 2022-2027

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ScreenWise

Topic: Develop a readiness assessment for the ScreenWise Program which aligns with CDC data measures to reduce disparities in breast, cervical, and hereditary cancer morbidity and mortality, assess clinic data collection capacity and screening practices, develop a learning collaborative focusing on EBI implementation.

PI: Melinda Davis, Ph.D.

Funder: Oregon Health Authority

Term: 2023-2026

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Social Needs Screening Clinic Technical Assistance – Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity Population Approaches to Chronic Disease Prevention Program

Topic: Provide technical assistance and quality improvement support to health care clinics across Oregon in developing health-related social needs screening and referral processes. This includes evaluating existing workflows, setting goals, creating action plans, and offering customized support.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: Oregon Health Authority Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

Term: 2023-2027

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Tobacco Cessation Technical Assistance

Topic: Provide expert subject matter technical assistance (TA) to address disparities in colorectal cancer (CRC) screening for health systems partners, through the use of evidence-based interventions and quality improvement practices

PI: Melinda Davis, Ph.D.

Funder: Oregon Health Authority

Term: 2024-2026

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Tri-County Health-Related Social Needs Outreach and Engagement Provider

Topic: Provide outreach and engagement services to Health Share of Oregon members to help members apply for and receive covered HRSN benefits under the Oregon Health Plan as well as other social and healthcare services.

PI: Nancy Goff, M.P.H.

Funder: OHSU Health Integrated Delivery System (IDS)

Term: 2025-2027

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