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Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network

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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
ORPRN Contact: Martha Snow, M.P.H., *snowm@ohsu.edu*

CRC TA—Colorectal Cancer Screening Technical Assistance

Topic: To improve colorectal cancer screening through technical assistance and clinical and community partnerships. Currently recruiting clinics serving rural or frontier populations, populations with lower screening rates, or historically underserved populations. Benefits to participation include technical assistance to improve patient care, increase your clinic's cancer screening rates, and save lives. Clinics also receive a $7,500 stipend for participation.
PI: Jennifer Coury, M.A.
Funder: Oregon Health Authority
Term: 2025-2030
ORPRN Contact: Isabel Stock, M.P.H., *stocki@ohsu.edu*

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.
PI: Nima Nabavizadeh, M.D.
Funder: GRAIL
Term: 2026-2027
ORPRN Contact: Laura Ferrara, M.A. CCRP, *ferraral@ohsu.edu*

ScreenWise

Topic: To improve breast and cervical cancer screening through technical assistance and clinical and community partnerships. Currently recruiting clinics serving rural or frontier populations, populations with lower screening rates, or historically underserved populations. Benefits to participation include technical assistance to improve patient care, increase your clinic's cancer screening rates, and save lives. Clinics also receive a $7,500 stipend for participation.
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Social Needs Screening and Referral (SNSR) Support Program

Topic: Seeking Oregon health care clinics interested in developing and/or improving social needs screening and referral workflows. Participating clinics receive individualized technical assistance to assess current processes and implement a clinic-led quality improvement project focused on social needs interventions and chronic disease prevention.
PI: Caitlin Dickinson
Funder: Oregon Health Authority, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP) Section
Term: 2026-2027
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Active Projects

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
ORPRN Contact: Sara Wild, M.P.H., *wilsa@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Mary Patzel M.B.A., *CARAVAN@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Lindsey Birch, *birchl@ohsu.edu*

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
Contact: Maggie McLain McDonnell, M.P.H., *mclainma@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Sara Wild, M.P.H., *wilsa@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Kylie Lanman, B.S., *lanman@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Alex Moore, *mooralex@ohsu.edu*

Grant County Emergency Preparedness and Response

Topic: Couty 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
ORPRN Contact: Martha Snow, M.P.H., *snowm@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Caitlin Dickinson, M.P.H., *summerca@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Maggie McLain McDonnell, M.P.H., *healor@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Sara Wild, M.P.H., *wilsa@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Maggie McLain McDonnell, M.P.H., *mclainma@ohsu.edu*
Web Link: www.oregonechonetwork.org

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
ORPRN Contact: Laura Ferrara, M.A., parade@ohsu.edu

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
ORPRN Contact: Laura Ferrara, M.A. CCRP, *ferraral@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Caitlin Dickinson, M.P.H., *summerca@ohsu.edu*

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 pro-longing disability-free survival in a diverse popu-lation 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
ORPRN Contact: Victoria (Kati) Sánchez, M.S., *sanchvic@ohsu.edu or preventable@ohsu.edu*

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.
PI: Annette Totten, Ph.D.
Funder: Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
Term: 2025-2029
ORPRN Contact: Cort Cox, B.S., *coxcor@ohsu.edu*

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
ORPRN Contact: Sara Wild, M.P.H., *wilsa@ohsu.edu*

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
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