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PROJECTS

RAVE on!

The HPV vaccine has been available for more than a decade and has shown to be effective at preventing precancerous changes in the cervix, anus, and oral cavity. So why do we as a nation fall far short of achieving the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80 percent completion of the vaccine series by ages 13-15? The national completion rate is less than 50 percent of the CDC Benchmark. In rural Oregon, we do even worse: the HPV completion rate here is 27.8 percent of benchmark.

That's where the Rural Adolescent Vaccine Enterprise (RAVE) project comes in. To improve HPV vaccination rates, it is necessary to change practice behavior, and RAVE aims to do just that.

In partnership with the State of Oregon Immunization Program and 40 participating family medicine and pediatric practices in rural Oregon, the RAVE research team will increase the capacity of practices to sustain a quality improvement (QI) structure and processes that lead to improved immunization rates.

ORPRN Practice Enhancement Research Coordinators will act as facilitators, providing boots-on-the-ground support for the practice QI team. The findings from RAVE will improve HPV immunization rates in rural Oregon and will be shared across rural America.

Fifteen members of the RAVE team formally kicked off the project on Friday, July 20 in the Portland offices of ORPRN. The team spent an entire day getting to know each other, diving into the project's four main aims, and discussing project logistics. It was a fun and action-packed day; the team looks forward to spending the next five years working together to improve human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination completion rates in rural Oregon.



Kicking off RAVE. Back row: Steele Valenzuela, Biostatistician, OHSU; Miguel Marino, Biostatistician, OHSU; LJ Fagnan, Network Director, ORPRN; Patty Carney, Professor of Family Medicine, OHSU; Rex Larsen, Program Coordinator, Oregon Immunization Project, OHA; Jody Anderson, Public Health Educator, OHA; Paul Darden, Pediatrician, Oklahoma University; Steve Robison, epidemiologist Oregon Immunization Project. Seated: Rose Gunn, Research Assistant, ORPRN; Caitlin Dickinson, RAVE Project Manager, ORPRN; Melinda Davis, Research Associate

Professor, ORPRN; Isabel Stock, PERC, ORPRN. Not shown: Laura Ferrara, PERC, ORPRN; Brigit Hatch, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, OHSU.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Add Your Voice to ECHO

Are you a clinician (MD, DO, PA, NP) in Oregon? Please take seven minutes to help shape the future of Oregon ECHO Network. Our [short survey](#) allows you to have a voice in the ECHO programming we will offer in 2019 and beyond. New to ECHO? Learn more at the [Oregon ECHO Network website](#).

Transformation Spotlight

For a great read on how Healthy Hearts Northwest is leveraging Oregon practices to succeed through improving their QI work, check out "[Deepening the Practice Transformation Bench](#)" by ORPRN PERC Angela Combe on the Healthy Hearts Northwest website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 26-27

The South Central Coast Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative is hosting the free "Healthy Aging Conference: Enhancing Quality of Life" at the Mill Casino in North Bend. Topics will include:

- Naturopathic Alternatives for Chronic Pain, Bill Walter, N.D.
- Palliative Care, Harry Krulewitch, M.D., M.P.H.

- Effective Communication Strategies, Lori Stanton, M.A.
- Geriatric Syndromes and Self-Neglect, Nirmala Dhar, L.C.S.W.

[Click here to reserve your spot.](#)

Oct. 25-26

The Coast Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative is hosting the free "Behavioral Health Conference on the Coast" at the Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach. Tentative topics will include:

- End of Life Issues, Julie LeMaster, L.C.S.W.
- Sensory Therapy, Heather Guthrie, L.C.S.W.
- Current Perspective on Hoarding Disorder, Jill Williams, M.A.
- Polypharmacy: When Less is Best, Harry Krulewitch, M.D., M.P.H.
- Ethically Informed Capacity Assessments, Robert Fallows, M.D.

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STAFF NOTES

New Faces at ORPRN

ORPRN recently gained several new staff members who will add their experience and enthusiasm to our team.

Laura Ferrara, Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator (PERC)

Laura Ferrara is working on the RAVE Project. Previously, she worked as a research coordinator on clinical trials and qualitative studies at the University of Washington Medical Center; an administrator at the University of Washington Institutional Review Board; and an administrator at the Group Health Cooperative (Kaiser) IRB. She has a Master's degree in Demographic and Social Analysis from University of California at Irvine.

Xaviera Martinez-Armenta, Research Assistant

Xaviera Martinez-Armenta joined ORPRN primarily for the CASCADE project. Prior to joining ORPRN, she spent five years at State Farm as a customer service representative. A graduate of Washington State University with a B.S. in Biology, Xavi also volunteers at the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington as an interpreter.

Lindsey Shankle, Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator (PERC)

Lindsey Shankle is working on the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) initiative and the CAPTURE project. Prior to joining ORPRN, she worked in a Portland non-profit as the Patient-Centered Research Manager where she managed the Foundation's survey efforts and PCORI-funded projects. She received a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Washington and an M.P.H. from the University of Montana

Anna Steeves-Reece, Education Program Coordinator

Anna Steeves-Reece is working on Project ECHO and Accountable Health Communities. Previously, she spent three years in Nicaragua as a Health Promoter with the Peace Corps and collaborated on rural public health projects in the US-Mexico Borderlands and on the Havasupai Reservation in Northern Arizona. She has a Master's degree in Public Health and Latin American Studies from the University of Arizona and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Community Health from the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health.

Isabel Stock, Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator (PERC)

Isabel Stock is working on the RAVE study. She joined ORPRN after a stint at the Oregon Health Authority, where she worked in the Immunization Program for the Vaccines for Children Program. She recently graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Health and Exercise Science.



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