

MHRN SCIENTIFIC INTEREST GROUPS



Our Scientific Interest Groups (SIGs) are open to anyone. It's a great way to get engaged with MHRN activities in certain areas of mutual interest. Activities range from developing manuscripts and grant proposals to exploring ways to improve data and analyses. They meet regularly by phone and at the HMORN annual conference. Contact one of the **SIG lead investigators** to learn more.

- **Child & Adolescent Mental Health:** Improving mental health outcomes for children and adolescents.

Lead investigator: [Robert Penfold, PhD](#), 206-287-2232, penfold.r@ghc.org

- **Dissemination & Implementation:** Form new care system/research collaborations around mental health topics of importance to care systems; provide training for researchers in D&I methods, including engagement with health system leaders.

Lead Investigators:

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- **Diversity & Health Equity:** Working on recommendations for incorporating race/ethnicity into mental health research.

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- **Health Policy in Mental Health:** Improving the quality of care and health outcomes among the mentally ill.

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- **Mental-Physical Comorbidity:** Examining potential papers, projects and proposals related to co-morbid medical conditions in people with mental illness, both locally and collaboratively across MHRN.

Lead investigator: [Rebecca Rossom, MD, MSCR](#), 952-883-5466, Rebecca.C.Rossom@HealthPartners.com

- **Suicide Prevention:** Exploring ways to standardize risk assessment, identify suicidal ideation, and intervene to prevent suicidal behavior.

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