2023 Annual Conference and HCSRN
State of the Network Update

Governing Board Chair, Michael A. Horberg, MD, MAS, FACP, FIDSA, Associate Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group and Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Research Institute and Suzanne Simons, MS, Interim Executive Director

On February 21, the 29th Annual Conference of the HCSRN kicked off at the Sheraton Downtown Denver with more than 320 participants from 20 HCSRN member institutions. Attendees were happy to gather again, in person, to reconnect and network during the two and a half-day conference.

Claudia Steiner, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Institute for Health Research, Kaiser Permanente Colorado (KPCO), and Professor, Health Systems Science, Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine welcomed the attendees to the Mile High City. Although the weather was cold, the warm hospitality extended by Claudia and her team set the perfect tone for the meeting.

Abdul Shaikh, PhD, MSHc, Global Leader for Population Health Analytics for Amazon Web Services provided the opening plenary session with his presentation, Leveraging the Power of the HCSRN Network to Accelerate Progress on Health Equity. Using examples from his career spanning government, academia, and industry—including HCSRN member organizations, he shared insights and learnings from new initiatives and approaches to accelerate progress on health equity for clinical translational research.

Each day throughout the conference, attendees were encouraged to take advantage of network opportunities during breakfast and lunch, ancillary meetings, informal gatherings, the opening reception, and poster sessions.
Governing Board Chair, Michael Horberg, MD, MAS, shared many exciting updates during the State of the Network (SON) address on Wednesday, February 22. Recognizing the visionary leaders who founded HCSRN in 1994, Dr. Horberg also expressed his deep appreciation for the leadership of Immediate Past Chair, Robert Greenlee, PhD, MPH. Last year, Dr. Greenlee orchestrated the transition of HCSRN to Capitol Hill Management Services, headquartered in Albany, NY. Now a designated 501(c)3 non-profit organization, HCSRN has increased capacity and resources to further the HCSRN mission.

For the remainder of 2023, the organizational focus will include:

- Engagement => Value for participation
- Collaboration => Funded opportunities
- Sustainability => Organizational Transformation/New Central Team
- VDW operations => Working group leads and new data development

The HQ³: A Bridge Plan to Our Future was reviewed. This transition plan ensures that HCSRN accomplishes everything it should during the conversion from an unincorporated network to a professional 501(c)3 membership association (our research institutions) while providing quality membership services, programming, and networking opportunities. Dr. Horberg shared the 2023 Budgeted Revenue and Expense numbers which demonstrated a nearly $25,000 surplus, to be used for furthering the mission and goals of the organization.

The VDW update included that a new SDOH table is planned, and Stacey Honda, MD from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, is serving as the VIG Board Liaison following
The retirement of Lois Lamerato (see Transition article). A heartfelt thank you was extended to Mark Jurkovich, Reesa Laws, Celeste Machen, and the workgroup leads for their tireless work on behalf of the organization.

The public facing HCSRN website was debuted on March 1 with a new look. There is still work to be done to update posted documents, but the sleek design and navigation system convey the evolution of HCSRN. Additionally, a plan to replace the Alfresco platform is in development. Assessment of VDW user needs will be conducted to assist in identifying an alternative with enhanced functionality, ease of use and facilitation of collaboration.

The SON concluded with a thank you to the Annual Conference Planning Committee including co-chairs Karen Coleman and Claudia Steiner, and special acknowledgment of Anand, Shah, MD, MS, and Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Trust for their generous support of the conference. Dr. Horberg announced that the 2024 conference will be held on April 9 – 11 in Milwaukee, WI.

On Wednesday, February 22, a special interest session was held on navigating the new NIH data management and sharing policy. The intent of this new policy was to promote the sharing of scientific data to accelerate biomedical research discovery. A panel of experts including, Lawrence H. Kushi, ScD, Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, Andrea Burnett-Hartman, PhD, MPH, Senior Investigator at the KP Colorado Institute for Health Research and Alex Cramer, KFRI shared their knowledge and expertise to address how the new policy will impact research and proposal development. Fielding questions such as What research is subject to the new DMS policy? What scientific data needs to be shared? When does data need to be shared and for what period of time? and How do we select a repository?, the panel offered guidance to enable more efficient implementation of the policy within HCSRN member institutions.

Closing out the meeting was a plenary session entitled, How do Health Equity Investigators Navigate the Intersection of Scientific Inquiry and Personal Experience? that highlighted the experiences of scientists and research staff who both identify as members of communities that are typically studied in health equity research and conduct their own research within these communities. The panel included Kanetha B. Wilson, PhD; Center for Research and Evaluation Kaiser Permanente Georgia; Katherine Sanchez, PhD, LCSW; Baylor, Scott & White Research Institute; Leslie A. Wright, MA; Institute for Health Research Kaiser Permanente Colorado; Divya Subramaniam, PhD, MPH; Department of Health and Clinical Outcomes Research Saint Louis University School of Medicine; and was moderated by Karen J. Coleman, PhD; Department of Research and Evaluation, Kaiser Permanente Southern California. The panel discussed how they navigate the intersection of scientific inquiry and personal experience as well as experiences they have had with systematic implicit/explicit bias and how they have learned to overcome the impact of this bias on their work and careers.

2023 Annual Conference By The Numbers:
- 321 Registrants
- 106 Accepted abstracts/panel presentations
- 33 Posters
- 9 Ancillary Meetings
- 33 Sessions
- 15 Annual Conference Planning Committee Members
- 36 Volunteers

2023 Conference Award Winners

HCSRN celebrated the work of their colleagues with six awards which were presented during the conference. The following recognitions were presented:
Paper of the Year
Hung Fu Tseng, Bradley K Ackerson, Yi Luo, et al
Effectiveness of mRNA-1273 against SARS-CoV-2 Omicron and Delta Variants Nature Medicine, 2022.

Multisite Collaborator of the Year
Ingrid Binswanger, MD, MPH, MS
Senior Clinician Investigator
Kaiser Permanente Colorado

The Association Between Buprenorphine Treatment Duration and Mortality: A Multi-Site Cohort Study of People Who Discontinued Treatment

Collaborative Sites included in the study:
- Kaiser Permanente Colorado
- Kaiser Permanente Southern California
- Kaiser Permanente Northern California
- Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic
- Henry Ford Health Systems
- Geisinger
- UMass/Meyers

Mentor of the Year
Assiamira Ferrara, MD, PhD.
Research Scientist III
Director of the UPSTREAM Center

Nominated by:
KP Northern California
Julie Schmittdiel, PhD MA
Monique Hedderson
Rana Chehab
Tracy Lieu

University of Tennessee
Samantha Ehrlich

UC Davis
Susan D. Brown, PhD

Early Career Investigator
Apoorva Pradhan, MD, MPH
Staff Scientist
Geisinger
Abstract
Impact of a Multi-Faceted Best Practice Alert among Patients with Headaches seen in Primary Care

Poster Session Winners

Poster Session 1 Winner
Predicting 30-Day Hospital Readmission Using Machine Learning in a Non-hospital-based Integrated Healthcare System

Robert Neuman, MD
Cardiologist, Physician Program Director for Research
Kaiser Permanente Georgia

Rochele Heflin-Wiley, RN, BSN, MSA, CCM
Manager of Transition Care Management
Operation Support Services
The Southeast Permanente Medical Group, Inc.

Poster Session 2 Winner
A Review of the Literature and Publicly Available Data on Medical Aid in Dying in the US

Geoffrey Kahn, PhD
Research Fellow
Henry Ford Health System
The Governing Board of the Health Care Systems Research Network (HCSRN) has undergone some change in the last few months. HCSRN bid farewell to Lois Lamerato, PhD and Alison Galbraith, MD, MPH. Dr. Lamerato represented the Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) and joined the Governing Board in 2012. She served as the liaison to the Virtual Data Warehouse from 2012 -2022. During her tenure, she worked on the very first VDW content areas-Tumor and Enrollment and served as the scientific lead for the VDW Tumor work group for nearly 12 years. Lois is enjoying semi-retirement since she left HFHS at the end of year. Dr. Galbraith accepted a new position as the Chief of the Division of Health Services Research in the Pediatrics Department at Boston Medical Center, and left Harvard Pilgrim January 31, 2023. Alison had served on the HCSRN Board since 2019 and led HPHC’s participation as a site in the HCSRN’s ACTION IV application.

The Board expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to Lois and Alison for their dedication and leadership.

Taking over as the HFHS liaison is Christine Neslund-Dudas. Chris is an associate research scientist in the Department of Public Health Sciences at HFH and Co-Leader of the Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Program within the Henry Ford Cancer Institute. She is a medical sociologist and holds an appointment in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Michigan State University. Her research focuses on disparities across the cancer continuum for Black Americans, including cancer prevention, screening, etiology, and care delivery. Chris is the HFH Site-PI for the NCI funded PROSPR-Lung Screening Consortium and the PCORI funded Healthy Lungs pragmatic smoking cessation trial and Co-I on the NCI Connect for Cancer Prevention cohort study. Chris received her doctoral degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Darren Toh, ScD has joined HCSRN as the Board Representative for Harvard Pilgrim. Darren is the DPM Endowed Professor in the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute. He is a pharmacoepidemiologist with an interest in the comparative safety and effectiveness research of medical products. His research focuses on 1) assessing the risks and benefits of medical products using electronic data collected as part of routine healthcare delivery, and 2) developing and
Transgender Health Research at Integrated Health Systems: Methods, Lessons, Needs

Michael Goodman, MD, MPH
Professor of Epidemiology
Director, MD/MPH program
Emory University School of Public Health

This article is based on Dr. Goodman’s presentation at the VIG Fall Midyear Meeting held on October 18, 2022 in Atlanta.

Transgender people are a large and diverse group that includes individuals whose assigned sex does not match their gender identity. Many transgender people may not self-identify based on binary definitions of man or woman; however, a person whose gender identity differs from male sex assigned at birth is often referred to as transfeminine and a person whose gender identity differs from female sex assigned at birth is referred to as transmasculine.

Transgender individuals sometimes seek medical gender affirmation, which may involve administration of hormone therapy, surgical changes of the chest and genitalia, or other procedures aimed at altering secondary sex characteristics. Although several medical organizations have issued recommendations for appropriate care of transgender patients, many unresolved issues in transgender health remain. Critical research priorities in transgender health include, for example, identification of the best ways to alleviate gender dysphoria (the feeling of distress when assigned sex does not match gender identity) and investigation of the most appropriate methods of monitoring transgender persons who receive hormone therapy. Addressing these research priorities requires high-quality longitudinal data on large numbers of transmasculine and transfeminine people followed for sufficient period of time. These considerations motivated the design of the “Study of Transition, Outcomes & Gender (STRONG)” a large cohort nested within integrated health systems.

STRONG initially was established in 2014 as a cohort of 6,456 transgender people ascertained from electronic health records of three Kaiser Permanente sites in Georgia and in Northern and Southern California. Eligible cohort members were identified using a combination of diagnostic codes and presence of confirmatory clinical notes. Each eligible STRONG participant was also categorized as transfeminine or transmasculine based on relevant diagnoses, procedures as well as evidence of in the text. Up to 10 cisgender male and 10 cisgender female Kaiser Permanente plan members were matched to each transgender participant on year of birth, race/ethnicity, study site, and enrollment year. To date the STRONG study provided data for over 30 publications covering a wide range of important transgender health issues.
More recently we expanded the cohort, which now includes nearly 40,000 transgender persons matched with 800,000 cisgender referents identified across four different integrated health systems. The expanded STRONG cohort provides data for a series of new analyses aimed at investigating occurrence of acute cardiovascular events in relation to gender affirming hormone therapy, examine mental health status of transgender people with specific focus on suicide attempts and cognitive decline, and characterize changes in clinical health indicators such as serum lipids, liver enzyme levels body mass index and bone density in relation to HT dose and duration.

Although the expanded cohort offers a plethora of new research opportunities, the greatly increased volume of the available data also presents a number of new challenges. Some research questions require new methods of systematically identifying patients who underwent diagnostic workup or treatment outside of the integrated health systems. For example, some genetic reports are only available as scanned files and converting information in these reports into electronic data may be time and resource-consuming. One of critical elements of gender affirming care is monitoring of hormone levels. Adding hormone levels to the list of variables available in the Virtual Data Warehouse will greatly facilitate research efforts. As the number of participants increased it has become impossible to rely on human review of clinical notes to ascertain and characterize study participants. Use of Natural Language Processing programs holds great promise; however, it is important to ensure that these programs can be uniformly deployed and tested across sites. These challenges can be viewed as barriers as well as opportunities. Overcoming these challenges will greatly advance research methodology and, if so, place integrated health systems in a unique position of providing much needed information about transgender health as well as health of other hard-to-reach understudied populations.

Summary of HCSRN Scientific Data Resources
Forum Presentation October 11, 2022

The Kaiser Permanente Research Bank Cancer Cohort: A collaborative resource to improve cancer care and survivorship

Heather Feigelson, PhD MPH
Shauna Goldberg Scott MPH

Over the past 30 years, the cancer death rate has fallen significantly, primarily due to effective screening and improved treatment. By 2040, there will be an estimated 26 million cancer survivors in the US. Kaiser Permanente (KP) is an ideal environment to study the spectrum of cancer care and long-term survival because KP provides comprehensive medical care, including cancer care, to a large and diverse membership.

The KP Research Bank (KPRB), a research resource within KP, has collected biospecimens and surveys from over 400,000 adult members across all 8 KP regions.
and linked that information to medical record data. Within the KPRB, we have
developed a cancer cohort to specifically address issues related to cancer
survival, and to understand how genetic, lifestyle, and environmental factors
impact cancer treatment, treatment sequelae, and prognosis. Cancer cases are
identified through several methods: (1) a rapid case ascertainment algorithm, (2)
direct outreach to cancer survivors, (3) in person recruitment and outreach to
oncology, and (4) identification of prevalent and incident cancers among those
already enrolled in the KPRB.

As of December 31, 2020, the cancer cohort included 65,225 cases (56% female,
44% male) verified in tumor registries. The largest group was diagnosed between
60-69 years of age (31%) and are non-Hispanic White (83%); however, 10,076 (16%)
were diagnosed at ages 18-49 years, 4,208 (7%) are Hispanic, 3,393 (5%) are Asian,
and 2,389 (4%) are Black. The median survival time is 14 years. Blood or saliva
samples are available on 98% of the cohort, and genotyping of the cohort will be
completed in 2023.

An important strength of the cancer cohort is the diversity with respect to age,
race/ethnicity, and geographic location. An important weakness is the low
response rate (less than 10%). Because the response rate was low, the cohort likely
is not representative of all people diagnosed with cancer in KP. Nonetheless, the
KPRB cancer cohort is a rich data resource that will enable research to improve
understanding of treatment efficacy and lifestyle factors that contribute to long-
term cancer survivorship.

The KPRB welcomes collaboration from investigators both within, and beyond, KP.
For more information, visit the KPRB website:
https://researchbank.kaiserpermanente.org/

For more information about the KPRB Cancer Cohort, please see our full
publication: Feigelson HS, Clarke CL, Van Den Eeden SK, Weinmann S, Burnett-
Hartman AN, Rowell S, Scott SG, White LL, Ter-Minassian M, Honda SAA, Young DR,
Kamineni A, Chinn T, Lituev A, Bauck A, McGlynn EA. The Kaiser Permanente
Research Bank Cancer Cohort: a collaborative resource to improve cancer care
09252-6. PMID: 35216576; PMCID: PMC8876075.

We list faculty and staff positions at HCSRN research centers and
academic institutions as a service to the research community.

Vice President, Center for Health Research - Northwest, Kaiser Permanente

Description:
Kaiser Permanente is currently looking for a creditable and experienced research
leader who will be accountable for all aspects of health research, policy, and
research compliance in the Northwest region and is responsible for the business
success of the research enterprise in this region. You will lead a 59-year-old
research center of 200 research professionals within a health care system focused
on improving health outcomes, and you will provide research leadership and
management support to ensure it remains a world leader in health research.

Salary: Competitive

To apply, please submit a CV and a cover letter, including three professional
references, to: R5P-2294-VP-NW20220712@kp.org.
on solving critical care delivery issues and improving health care outcomes not only for over 600,000 members of Kaiser Permanente’s Northwest Region, but for the public on a local, national, and international level. In doing so, this position will help enhance Kaiser Permanente’s reputation as a health care system of choice. This position is an active member of Kaiser Permanente’s national research community (National Research Council) and is an acknowledged leader in developing research as a strategic asset for the national program.

Responsibilities include:
- Create and sustain an internationally recognized center of excellence in health research based in Kaiser Permanente Northwest.
- Provide infrastructure that permits CHR researchers in NW to submit high quality proposals to external agencies such as NIH, CDC, AHRQ, private foundations, and pharmaceutical companies. Develop incentives that encourage and reward a creative work environment in which scientific research can thrive.
- Look for opportunities to expand research capacity at CHR to leverage Kaiser Permanente advantages: integrated health care across inpatient, outpatient, and online settings, comprehensive electronic medical and dental records (EHR), infectious diseases, pain and substance use disorders, cancer care, behavioral change research, health economics, dental research, translational and implementation research, and use of large databases (including genetic information).

Basic Qualifications:
Advanced degree (PhD, MD, or other professional degree) in human behavior, medicine, health services, pharmacy, behavioral science, health policy, or related field. Minimum ten (10) years of research experience involving human subjects in such areas as health services research, translational research, program evaluation, epidemiology, preventive services, health policy, clinical trials, and/or other related research areas. Minimum seven (7) years of previous experience in management and leadership positions(s) that include administration, budget oversight, human resources management, liaison activities, and strategic leadership. Publications in peer-reviewed journals, including multiple first-authored papers. Knowledge of, or experience within, managed care and health care settings more generally.

This position has a target base salary of $279,000 to $318,750 and is eligible for incentive compensation, comprehensive health, wellness, time off, savings, and retirement benefits, as well as relocation support, as applicable.

Company: Kaiser Permanente
Location: Portland, OR

Mental Health Research Scientist, Kaiser Permanente Southern California

Description:
The Department of Research & Evaluation (R&E) at Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC) seeks to expand its mental health research program. The objectives of this research program are to 1) build sustainable partnerships with regional stakeholders and national mental health researchers to identify, prioritize, execute, evaluate, and disseminate research that enhances mental health and well-being in the diverse communities of Southern California; 2) identify disparities in mental health care treatment and outcomes and create research programs and methods to eliminate disparities, and 3) promote the uptake of large-scale evidence-based mental health services.

This is an open-rank Research Scientist position (equivalent to an Assistant (I), Associate (II) or Full (III) Professor) for an investigator with relevant experience and expertise in mental health research. Qualifications include a PhD or equivalent in psychology, epidemiology, health services research, nursing, or related field, or MD or equivalent with a master’s degree in a related field. Research topics of
particular interest include mental health conditions, especially depression and anxiety, across the lifespan, particularly adults, older adults, and people representing diverse populations, mental health implementation research and pragmatic trials in real-world mental health care settings, and pregnancy and post-partum mental health. Must be able to consistently demonstrate the knowledge, skills, abilities, and behaviors necessary to provide superior and culturally sensitive service to all.

The successful candidate will be expected to:
· Develop an independent, externally funded program of research that is recognized nationally and internationally.
· Collaborate with investigators within R&E and with external investigators in health care and academic settings to advance knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes for mental health conditions.
· Collaborate with KP clinicians and leadership to design, implement and evaluate innovative models of care for KP members with mental health conditions.
· Provide service to the scientific community through reviewing manuscripts for publication and serving on editorial boards, and grant review panels.
· Present at internal and national and international scientific meetings.
· Maintain awareness of scientific developments within area of expertise, both in terms of new methodology and new research activities.
· Serve on and may chair departmental committees based on experience and expertise.
· Teach/lecture in internal and academic settings.

KPSC is a leading integrated health care system that provides comprehensive care for approximately 4.8 million members of diverse race and ethnicity from Southern California. Approximately 16% of these members have a mental health condition. The health care provided to members is tracked through a system-wide electronic health record (EHR), which includes membership, utilization, vital signs, laboratory, and pharmacy records. R&E has access to unparalleled data resources, including a Research Data Warehouse that combines curated EHR data for both inpatient and outpatient visits with additional data from external registries and outside claims. In addition, the Department maintains a Virtual Data Warehouse to facilitate collaboration with external researchers.

By joining the KPSC research team, you will work with other researchers in a collegial setting that fosters public domain research, independent thinking, and adherence to the highest scientific standards. R&E investigators are primarily supported by grant and contract funding from federal and other external sources, especially the National Institutes of Health.

Company: Kaiser Permanente Southern California
Location: Pasadena, CA

Medical Director, IMPROVE (Innovative Methods to Promote Regional Operational Value and Efficiency), Kaiser Permanente Colorado

Description:
Kaiser Permanente Colorado Permanente Medical Group is seeking a Medical Director of IMPROVE (Innovative Methods to Promote Regional Operational Value and Efficiency)

The Medical Director of IMPROVE will report to the Executive Director of the Institute for Health Research (IHR) and will collaborate with KPCO care delivery and operations to achieve the highest standards of scientific excellence through rigorous review and evaluation of care delivery initiatives. The incumbent will lead a program of research that will contribute to rapid organizational learning and continuous quality improvement while enhancing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of medical care. The IMPROVE Medical Director will provide leadership to support collaborations between the Institute for Health Research,
Kaiser Permanente Health Plan and Colorado Permanente Medical Group in areas of strategic importance while measuring and improving all components of member experience, improving the health of populations, and reducing the cost of care. The incumbent will lead the IMPROVE program as it applies KPCO data to important clinical problems in innovative ways using advanced statistical analyses and evaluating interventions that improve the efficiency, quality, and member-centeredness of care.

**Company:** Kaiser Permanente Colorado

**Location:** Aurora, CO

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**Associate Investigator, Kaiser Permanente Colorado Institute for Health Research**

**Description:**
The Institute for Health Research (IHR) is seeking an associate investigator / professor to serve as the investigator or co-investigator on major projects for the Kaiser Permanente Colorado (KPCO) Institute for Health Research (IHR). The position requires Doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, PharmD) in a social sciences, medicine, health care discipline, or other relevant field and a minimum seven (7) years of experience as co- or principal investigator in conducting research and research experience as an investigator.

The IHR is seeking a scientist with interest, demonstrated expertise and funding in one of the following content areas: Mental Health, Maternal and Child Health, Biostatistics, and Geriatric research with demonstrated experience working closely with care delivery using research to test and evaluate programs and clinical approaches, and demonstrated interest in social determinants of health, disparities, and digital health as part of research.

The Kaiser Permanente Colorado Institute for Health Research (IHR) is an innovative, integrated department that conducts, publishes, and disseminates epidemiologic, behavioral, health services, implementation and clinical research. The organization has a specific focus on conducting research that can be translated into clinical practice, health promotion, and policies to influence the health of individuals and populations. Established in 1992, the IHR is responsible for many landmark findings. Among the most notable are recent studies about opioid overdose prevention, vaccine safety, food insecurity, genomics, and cancer screenings.

**Company:** Kaiser Permanente Colorado

**Location:** Aurora, CO

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**Scientist III - Center for Health Systems Research, PAMF Palo Alto Research Institute**

**Description:**
Serves as a highly skilled professional with responsibility for planning, organizing, and carrying out projects of highly developed scientific scope and complexity related to data collection, data management, analysis, program evaluation, and research activities. Leverages patient population, data, technology, and collaborative opportunities with other appropriate institutions/agencies to undertake original research for peer-reviewed publication, obtain sufficient project-related funding to support research activities, collaborate with other researchers and clinicians, and teach and provide service to own field Research Institution (RI), and community. Adheres to all local/state/federal regulations, codes, policies and procedures to ensure privacy and safety while delivering optimal patient care. May also be responsible for teaching duties.

**Company:** PAMF Palo Alto Research Institute
Data Manager, UCSF

Description:
Part time (50% Data manager job:
Under the direction of the Principal Investigator and co-investigators, the Data Manager will provide data management and analytic expertise for a study to compare the effectiveness of two different models of enhanced prenatal care available to low-income (Medicaid-eligible) women in Fresno County: “Glow! Group Prenatal Care and Support” (Glow!GC) and the California Department of Public Health’s Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program with individual prenatal care (CPSP/IC). The study will be carried out in partnership between the California Preterm Birth Initiative at UCSF and the Central Valley Health Policy Institute at California State University, Fresno. Specifically, we will compare preterm birth rates, changes in depressive and anxiety symptom severity, and perception of respectful care and satisfaction with prenatal care.

Company: UCSF
Location: Palo Alto, CA
Email: Lisa.Dean@sutterhealth.org

Research Scientist, AMGA

Description:
AMGA is looking for an individual to lead mixed methods health services research studies from proposal to publication, demonstrating an avid interest in health analytics, research, and translation. The Research Scientist should have experience writing grant proposals, leading multi-site and multi-faceted research studies, including tracking and producing interim deliverables, working with study sponsors, both federal and private, presenting findings and writing manuscripts.

Company: AMGA
Location: Remote
Link: https://careers.amga.org/jobs/18135097/research-scientist
Email: cshekailo@amga.org
Phone: 703-952-0145

Research Scientist/Senior Research Scientist, Advocate Aurora Health

Description:
The Advocate Aurora Research Institute (AARI) at Advocate Aurora Health (AAH) invites applicants for junior, mid-career and senior research scientist positions to lead research programs that align with our strengths and priorities in health equity, population health, health systems research, dissemination and implementation science, as well as research focused on children and families, aging and behavioral health. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a research program in a top health system and collaborate with research scientists, clinicians, and health
system leaders. The ideal candidates are innovative scientists, particularly diverse scientists, who bring new perspectives to AARI and thrive in a collaborative environment. Successful candidates for the junior level position should have at least one year of experience in public health, health services, or related research and a growing record of scientific publications. Candidates at the mid-career or senior level should have a track record of high impact peer-reviewed publications and extramural grant funding. Of particular interest are senior level scientists who are nationally and internationally recognized, lead extramurally-funded programs of research, and have experience collaborating in translational research environments. Application reviews will begin immediately, and positions will be posted until filled. For inquiries, please contact Stacy Costello at Stacy.costello@aah.org; for questions about scientific interests, contact Dr. Michael Fendrich at michael.fendrich@aah.org

**Company:** Advocate Aurora Health

**Location:** Remote


**Email:** michael.fendrich@aah.org

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**Research Programmer Analyst Senior, Advocate Aurora Health**

**Description:** Advocate Aurora is seeking an experienced programmer to help build out our research data infrastructure, guide complex research data projects, and mentor junior team members. Applicants should have experience with SQL as well as ETL, Java, and/or R.

**Company:** Advocate Aurora Health

**Location:** Remote

**Link:** [https://careers.aah.org/job/16481404](https://careers.aah.org/job/16481404)

**Email:** andrew.marek@aah.org

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**Research Data Analyst II, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group (MAPMG)**

**Description:** The Research Data Analyst for the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) contract provides analytic and data infrastructure support for the VSD project team, which includes project managers, scientist team and physicians. The Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) is a project led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and includes a network of health care systems that collaborate to produce large-scale aggregate data needed to conduct vaccine safety surveillance and epidemiological studies of vaccines. The position will be responsible for building and maintaining the VSD infrastructure within Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States (KPMAS), fulfilling any VSD based data requests, working with and running distributed code requests, and completing any ancillary request needed by the project teams and/or by the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Research Institute (MAPRI). In addition to fulfilling data requests, this position will play a key role in the design and implementation of research projects; designing and maintaining internal and external databases; running analytical reports and providing statistics; working with the project team to validate, troubleshoot and interpret results; preparing and assisting with manuscripts for publication; actively participate with the project team in discussions to identify key areas of improvement and set priorities. The Research Data Analyst II reports to the Director of Research Analytics for the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Research Institute (MAPRI).
This position is a 100% grant-funded contract position and is contingent on federal grant funding. Should federal grant funding be eliminated for any given reason, this position may be eliminated.

**Company:** Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group (MAPMG)

**Location:** Rockville, MD

**Link:** [https://recruiting.ultipro.com/MAP1002MAPMG/JobBoard/9c5b2d47-fac0-4e56-9f06-b9cc2013276d/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=f1173b7b-e870-4965-aa50-82060c7c1be5](https://recruiting.ultipro.com/MAP1002MAPMG/JobBoard/9c5b2d47-fac0-4e56-9f06-b9cc2013276d/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=f1173b7b-e870-4965-aa50-82060c7c1be5)

**Email:** eric.s.watson@kp.org

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**Research Scientist Opportunities, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute**

**Description:**
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute has opportunities for talented epidemiologists looking to lead major public health research initiatives. You will join the Division of Therapeutics Research and Infectious Disease Epidemiology (TIDE) within Harvard Medical School’s Department of Population Medicine (www.populationmedicine.org) as a Research Scientist with an opportunity for a joint appointment as a Harvard Medical School Research Associate. TIDE is the home of several large, complex, multi-institutional research initiatives that support major national public health activities. Our mission is to improve health care delivery and population health through research and education, in partnership with health plans, delivery systems, and public health agencies. The Research Scientist plays a crucial role in leading and supporting key initiatives and projects in TIDE’s portfolio. The Research Scientist is responsible for participating in and leading studies using real-world data such as administrative claims data and electronic health records. The Research Scientist will also support the Sentinel System (https://www.sentinelinitiative.org/), a program sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for monitoring the safety of regulated medical products as well as lead or participate in projects with academic or industry collaborators.

For more information on these roles and to apply, please refer to our postings here:


**Company:** Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute

**Location:** Boston, MA

**Email:** lindsey_petro@harvardpilgrim.org

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**Research Analyst, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute**

**Description:**
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute is currently seeking a highly motivated individual to join the Division of Therapeutics Research and Infectious Disease Epidemiology (TIDE) within Harvard Medical School’s Department of Population Medicine (www.populationmedicine.org) as a Research Analyst. TIDE is the home of several large, complex, multi-institutional research initiatives based within health systems using electronic health data that support major national public health activities. Our mission is to improve health care delivery and population health through research and education, in partnership with health plans, delivery systems, and public health agencies. The Research Analyst plays a crucial role in...
The Research Analyst will perform a variety of observational research related activities, including but not limited to technical requirements preparation, SAS data management, and formal report preparation. This role will support the Sentinel Initiative, an FDA-funded medical product surveillance system, which uses existing administrative claims and electronic health care data from multiple collaborating institutions around the country (www.sentinelinitiative.org). The Research Analyst may also support projects funded by academic or industry sponsors.

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