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# NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating HCSR's 30th Anniversary



This year marks HCSR's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Work is underway to recognize HCSR accomplishments throughout the year and an exciting celebration is planned at the 2024 Annual Conference in Milwaukee. We even developed a special logo marking this important milestone. Watch the website and future issues of the newsletter for the latest updates.

## 501(c)3 DESIGNATION

In October, HCSR learned that it has been designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This is significant, and long awaited, news. HCSR is now tax exempt. This also means that contributions to HCSR are tax deductible (donors should consult their tax advisor) and HCSR may now be eligible for government and private grants.

## FUTURE GROWTH AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION



Earlier this year, the Value Task Force was established to identify and prioritize ways to enhance the value of HCSRN membership for all constituencies. The Task Force included Eric Wright, Geisinger; Teaniese L Davis, KP Georgia; Denise Angst, Advocate Aurora; Leslie Hinyard, SLU; J.B. Jones, Sutter and Central Office Staff Suzanne Simons, Mike Breslin and Alex Grandin. The Task Force would not exist without the vision, direction, and efforts of Dr. Kathy Mazor. Although no longer a Board member at the time the final report was issued, the group noted her significant leadership and contributions to this initiative.

The purpose of the report is:

- to facilitate development of metrics/measures that can quantify or qualify value of the HCSRN to member institutions
- to be a historical reference of HCSRN's value to be used by the HCSRN Governing Board ("Board") for future reference
- to provide long-standing clarifications to lingering HCSRN value questions
- to assist member institutions in justifying the time and expense of membership in the Network
- to reference the value of the HCSRN network to member institutions and stakeholders directly and indirectly impacted by the network
- to help the Board strategically plan for the future

The Value Task Force developed ten recommendations that included developing a mechanism for tracking collaboration across HCSRN institutions, developing a plan to increase HCSRN visibility both internally and externally, establishing a long-term plan for HCSRN membership growth as well as developing a process to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion within all HCSRN activities among other recommendations. Dr. Michael Horberg will share more about the report at the State of the Network Address on Wednesday, April 10 at the annual conference in Milwaukee. We hope to see you there!

So, what happens next with these recommendations? At the Midyear Meeting held in October, the Path Forward Task Force was created with the purpose of determining HCSRN's "path forward" as it relates to defining "who" is HCSRN, what are HCSRN's greatest assets and the appropriate messaging regarding HCSRN membership. The Path Forward Task Force will meet in March to review the recommendations after consensus gathering at the February 26 Governing Board meeting and operationalize the recommendations. At the Board meeting on April 8 in Milwaukee, time is dedicated on the agenda to discussion assess the financial and personnel

requirements, short-term vs long-term priorities and how best to integrate these recommendations into the overall strategic plan.

During the HCSRN transition, the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan was put on hold while the HQ3 Bridge Plan was implemented. The goal of this transition plan was to ensure that HCSRN accomplished everything that it needed to while it proceeded on dual tracks: 1) Its conversion from an unincorporated network to a professional 501c3 membership association; and 2) the ongoing providing of quality membership services, programming, and networking opportunities. The plan allowed time to operationalize HCSRN with a new database, policy and procedure development, budget creation, planning and implementing of the annual conference and regular programs such as the Special Interest Groups and Scientific Data Resources Forum as well as the ongoing work of the Virtual Data Warehouse and the content working groups.

Over the last quarter of 2023, the Governing Board spent time working with staff to draft a plan that is both aspirational and achievable. It is expected that the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan will be approved at the April meeting and begin rolling out shortly thereafter. Watch for updates on the plan and what to expect in the coming months. This is an exciting time for HCSRN and there is much to do. The Governing Board, committees and task forces will be hard at work!

## SHAREPOINT/TEAMS IMPLEMENTATION

The new SharePoint/Teams platform has been met with great enthusiasm. VDW Technical Lead Yonah Karp began as the transition project became urgent, working closely with all stakeholders and having users test the new system. It is expected that we will continue to expand how the platform is utilized for communication and collaboration as we learn more from the users. If you have feedback or questions regarding SharePoint/Teams, please communicate them directly to Yonah at [Yonah.D.Karp@kp.org](mailto:Yonah.D.Karp@kp.org).

## HCSRN Job Board



Want a rewarding job in health research? Check out the [HCSRN Job Board](http://www.hcsrn.org/en/jobs/) to browse career opportunities. We list faculty and staff positions at HCSRN research centers and academic institutions as a service to the research community.

Registration is now open for IMPACT Collaboratory's  
2024 Scientific Conference on Embedded

# Pragmatic Clinical Trials (ePCTs) in Dementia

The interactive forum features research efforts from IMPACT and the broader research community. Participants gather to discuss and advance the understanding of ePCTs, review emerging insights and highlight advances in research to improve care for people living with dementia (PLWD). The hybrid event will be held in Bethesda MD and via zoom April 3-4, 2024. The event is free and open to the public.

## Join to experience...

- discussions about exciting advances in ePCTs to improve the care and health outcomes of PLWD and their care partners,
- dynamic poster sessions displaying cutting-edge research in dementia care, and
- opportunities to interact and network with investigators conducting ePCTs in dementia care.

Visit the [meeting website](#) to learn more!

Advance [registration](#) is free and required for all participants.

In person registration closes: March 10, 2024

Virtual registration closes: April 4, 2024

## Call for abstracts...

[Submit an abstract](#) for opportunity to present your work on topics related to research in dementia and care partners in the event's poster session. Notifications of selected abstracts will be sent to investigators on a rolling basis.

Abstract Submission Closes: March 1, 2024

## Share this Link with Your Colleagues to Receive the Latest HCSRN Information

Keeping the HCSRN communication list current is an ongoing task. We don't always know when new people join our member institutions and others leave. Please share this [link](#) with people in your organization who should know about the latest HCSRN happenings. Whether it's conference updates, information about the next SDRF presentation, Governing Board news or job postings, the best way to stay up to date, is by completing the link above.



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