



Annual Meeting Preconferences Are Sure to Impress

This year’s annual meeting preconferences are something you will want to put on your schedule.

The first, “Evaluating Practice Transformation,” will explore the emerging science of evaluating transformation within a practice and look at how others are measuring these effects.

Attendees will come away with a wealth of knowledge on this topic, including discussion about past experiences in evaluating practice transformation, determining gaps in knowledge about practice transformation, and identifying innovative processes to measure practice change. Those in attendance will be encouraged to share best practices (methodology, data sets, and benchmarks), as well as hear from innovators in this area.

This session will take place prior to the start of the annual meeting, on Saturday, November 12, from 8 am to 2 pm. The registration fee is \$199.

The second preconference session “Mixed Methods Research: Introduction, Research Questions,

Study Design, and Implementation Planning” will be led by **Michael Feters, MD, MPA, MA,** and **Pierre Pluye, MD.** Participants will leave understanding the basics of conducting mixed methods research, be able to develop rigorous mixed method research questions, and identify appropriate qualitative and quantitative data sources, and much more.

With a mix of lecture, open discussion, and interactive small-group work, participants will develop a mixed methods proposal about a topic of interest, present their proposals to the group, receive feedback from peers, and take home an outline of their projects.

This session is scheduled for 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, November



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12. The registration fee is \$199. Register for these preconferences during the registration process for the annual meeting.

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Tips and tricks to accessing information on www.napcrg.org

Abstracts from the 2006–2010 annual meetings are available for search on www.napcrg.org.

Here’s how:

- From the napcrg.org homepage, click “Annual Meetings” in the left navigation.
- Choose the annual meeting year you’d like to search.

- Use the search boxes to find a specific abstract.
- Search tip: the less search words you use (broad search), the more abstract results will appear.

Going to Banff for the annual meeting? A mobile version will be available on site at www.napcrg.org/mobile.

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NAPCRG Brings the Best of Primary Care Research to Clinicians at Family Medicine Annual Meetings

NAPCRG is conducting a roadshow at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) annual Scientific Assembly and at the Family Medicine Forum, which combines the annual scientific assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, The Quebec College of Family Physicians (QCFP) and the annual workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. The workshop, "Clinical Pearls of My Research," will bring

the latest and greatest in primary care research to a large audience of physicians in a relevant, succinct way.

The presenters, **Bernard Ewigman, MD, Vanessa Diaz, MD, MS,** and **Rick Glazier, MD,** will each select two or three "pearls" or tidbits of information pulled from a recent research project presented at NAPCRG's 2010 annual meeting. To keep the information relevant

to attendees, the emphasis of the presentation will be on the "clinical pearl," not the methodology and background. The outcomes of the study and how it affects patients will be highlighted, and abstracts will be provided as handouts. Attendees of these sessions will gain usable knowledge of current research they can take back and put to use in their practices.

Call for Senior Investigators to Submit Abstracts of Proposed Research Studies

Senior Investigator Learning Community Workshop at the 2011 NAPCRG Annual Meeting

All senior investigators attending the 2011 Annual Meeting are encouraged to participate in the Senior Investigator Learning Community (SILC) Workshop. The SILC was created in 2009, in response to members' request for opportunities for senior investigators to discuss new ideas, network with other established researchers, and obtain feedback on proposed research studies.

Scheduled for Monday, November 14, from 2:30–5:30 pm, the workshop will consist of three presentations made by three senior investigators, each concerning a proposed research study.

Each senior investigator will present his/her proposed research and describe the study aims, rationale, and proposed methodology (10 minutes). A panel of senior investigator facilitators will provide their prepared comments and suggestions (10 minutes). Finally, the entire group of senior investigators will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed methods as well as the facilitators' comments (10 minutes).

Senior investigators are encouraged to submit a one-page description of a proposed research study, to include:

- A brief concept piece of the study (study aims, rationale, proposed methods)
- One to three bullets describing the feedback that you would like to obtain from the NAPCRG senior investigator learning community

Send your one-page proposed research study description, by September 15, to Lillian Gelberg at lgelberg@mednet.ucla.edu and Priscilla Noland at pnoland@napcrg.org.

Register now to attend NAPCRG's 39th Annual Meeting

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NAPCRG Members Rate Their Research Relationships

At this year's NAPCRG University, 44 members rated their relationships with their primary co-investigator, their primary research assistant, and their secretary using a modified version of instruments commonly used in marital research. The Satisfaction Scale of Dyadic Adjustment Scales (Spanier G. J Marr Fam 1976;38:15-28) measures satisfaction in the relationship (from 0–50) while the Dyadic Splitting Scale (Siegel JP. J Fam Psychology 2006;20:418-22) measures relationship dysfunction (from 0–20). Analysis used ANOVA with REGWF posthoc testing.

Do members rate relationship satisfaction differently based upon their level of research experience or their gender?

Comparing overall relationship satisfaction based upon gender and level of research experience of the rater in 2-way ANOVAs, significant differences were found when rating satisfaction of co-investigators and research assistants (means) (Table 1).

In both cases, female researchers who considered themselves to be novice researchers were most satisfied while their male

counterparts were least satisfied; there were no significant differences in satisfaction with secretaries.

Analyses of happiness with and commitment to future relationships found that female researchers were happier with their relationships with co-investigators ($P=.032$), research assistants ($P=.083$), and secretaries ($P=.085$). However, these female researchers were significantly more committed to future relationships only with their research assistants ($P=.084$).

Table 1

	CO-INVESTIGATOR		RESEARCH ASSISTANT	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Level of Research Experience				
Novice	47.3	37.4	48.6	36.0
Intermediate	40.3	43.6	39.9	42.7
Experienced	37.8	44.0	37.2	38.5
P Values				
Research Experience	.813		.380	
Gender	.939		.318	
Experience X Gender	.003		.068	

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New NAPCRG Membership Category

The NAPCRG Membership Committee is pleased to announce the new membership category of lifetime membership for post-retirement members, age 60 and older.

It was suggested at last year's annual meeting that a post-retirement Lifetime Membership be offered to members aged 60 and beyond. NAPCRG is proud to have members that range from novice researchers, to young clinicians, senior researchers, and those whose links to academia and practice transition from employment to retirement. A key characteristic of NAPCRG's members is the respect that is displayed for each other and the recognition of the importance of expertise. The Lifetime Membership maintains this respect and validation for members who have a passion for primary care research and desire

to continue to be involved post-retirement.

The NAPCRG Membership Committee (MC) is tasked with attracting and retaining members, keeping current with the needs (and wants) of members, and developing ways to provide NAPCRG's diverse membership with good reasons to be members and attend our annual meeting. This new membership category allows Lifetime Members to continue to reap the benefits of membership and attend the annual meeting providing retirees interaction, support, opportunity, challenge, and fun shared with people with similar interests and focus.

The membership fee is \$1,000 for physicians and \$750 for non-physicians.

First NAPCRG Lifetime Members

We are excited to announce our first Life Members!

David Marsland, MD

Tony Kuzel, MD, MHPE, chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Virginia Commonwealth University honored immediate past chair David Marsland, MD, with a Lifetime Membership to NAPCRG. What a great way to recognize a colleague!



Doina Maria Baldovinescu, MD

Doina is our first International Lifetime member and is from Bucharest, Romania. Doina is also a new member of NAPCRG.



New Resource for Educational Research in Family Medicine

NAPCRG, STFM, AFMRD, and ADFM are creating a new resource, called CERA, to:

- Increase the quality and frequency of published medical education research
- Reduce the number of surveys members are asked to complete
- Provide mentoring and education to junior researchers
- Provide a clearinghouse of data that can be used to meet scholarly activity requirements

CERA
CAFMEducational Research Alliance

Data for the clearinghouse are being collected through periodic surveys of family medicine department chairs, residency program directors, clerkship directors, and behavioral science directors. Each survey combines core information about family medicine education, plus questions submitted by member investigators. The first survey, to residency program directors, went out July 14.

Learn more and submit your proposal for research questions at www.stfm.org/initiatives/cera.cfm.

Student/Resident/Fellow Works-in-Progress Call for Papers

You are invited to submit a poster at the 2011 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, November 12–16 in Banff, Alberta. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the world.

Log on to www.napcrg.org and click the link on the landing page to submit your work. Deadline: August 15, 2011 (midnight). Questions? Contact Priscilla Noland at 913-906-6000, ext. 5410, or pnoland@napcrg.org.

Join Your Colleagues for the Best in Primary Care Research



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