



**Family Medicine Leadership Consortium
Organizational Update - NAPCRG
July 2021**

Incoming Leaders

NAPCRG administered its Call for Nominations in the spring. The terms of incoming Board and committee members will not begin until November 23, 2021 and Diane Harper, MD, MPH, MS will serve as president.

NAPCRG's 49th Annual Meeting

The 49th Annual Meeting will be held virtually on November 19-23 this year. The meeting will feature greater opportunities for live discussions and interaction as well as in-depth dives into certain topics in the form of workshops and forums. There is still time for students, fellows and residents to submit proposals for poster presentations. The submission deadline is August 16, 2021.

Confirmed Plenaries (to date):

- Professor Sir Michael G. Marmot MBBS, MPH, PhD, FRCP, FFPHM, FMedSci, FBA; Director of the Institute of Health Equity (UCL Department of Epidemiology & Public Health). Professor of Epidemiology at University College London since 1985 and author of *The Health Gap: the challenge of an unequal world* (Bloomsbury: 2015), and *Status Syndrome: how your place on the social gradient directly affects your health* (Bloomsbury: 2004), among other accomplishments. Topic: "Taking action to reduce health inequalities is a matter of social justice."
- Edward Bujold, MD; Granite Falls Family Medical Care Center. Named "One of America's Best Family Doctors" by the Consumer Research Council of America, Dr. Bujold has been providing personalized, leading edge family medicine for more than 25 years. He has been a long-time contributor to PBRN Conferences and PaCE and is a member of NAPCRG's Community Clinicians Advisory Group (CCAG).

Awards & Recognition

We are accepting nominations for awards, including the prestigious Wood Award. Check the details for submission deadlines. Recipients will be recognized during the Annual Meeting.

- [Distinguished Research Mentor Award](#)
- [Mid-Career Researcher Award](#)
- [Marjorie Bowman and Robert Choplin Junior Investigator Award](#)
- [Outstanding Research Coordinator Award](#)
- [Maurice Wood Award](#)

New Publishing Benefit

We are pleased to announce a new publishing opportunity associated with NAPCRG's conference. Abstracts for completed research, including SRF poster abstracts for completed research, are eligible to be published in the *Annals of Family Medicine*. These conference proceedings will appear in digital form following the meeting. (The deadline to verify all authors for purposes of publication is September 15, 2021.) NAPCRG will fund this benefit and evaluate satisfaction over the next few years.

Strategic Plan

The Board is expected to approve a new strategic plan at its fall meeting in October. Priority areas include 1) diversity, equity and inclusion, 2) membership development, 3) research pipeline and workforce, 4) strengthening global connections among primary care researchers.

50th Anniversary Celebration

NAPCRG will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Plans for the celebration will be developed by an ad hoc committee. We are recruiting for interested volunteers to serve on a planning committee chaired by former president Judy Belle Brown, PhD. All are welcome to apply, and previous experience as a NAPCRG volunteer or NAPCRG leader is not required. We are looking for a diverse group of committee members so the celebration appeals to a broad audience and represents a mix of different perspectives.

[Call for Volunteers](#)

NAPCRG seeks to promote the participation of a diverse membership in its leadership, meetings and programs, research, employment, and all of its other endeavors. We strive to include all regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, religion, disability, ancestry or national origin.

Other Conferences

NAPCRG is host to two smaller meetings during the year, funded in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

- 1) The Practice Based Research Network Conference (June 24-25) provided opportunities for PBRN researchers -- community clinicians, practice facilitators/study coordinators and network leadership -- to share strategies, methods and results focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Over 150 attendees
- 2) International Conference on Practice Facilitation (Aug. 5-6) will examine practice improvement innovations in response to the pandemic, healthcare system changes and inequities. Plenary topics include:
 - Adapting Facilitation: In Fall 2019, just prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality awarded six regionally based awards to help primary care practices increase efforts to address patients' unhealthy alcohol use. A panel will feature an exploration of lessons learned as awardees adapted programs amid the pandemic. New best practices will be highlighted to inform skills and strategies to retain in the "new normal" post-COVID era.
 - Using Facilitation to Promote Health Equity: Preliminary Thoughts on an Explicit Shift, Eva Woodward, PhD (VA Center for Mental Healthcare and Outcomes Research Center for Health Services Research, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences). This presentation will share three principles for facilitation focused on health equity, including detecting disparities, understanding why implementation disparities exist, and preliminary ideas on strategies facilitators can use to intervene to address disparities.

Training Opportunities

- 1) Building Research Capacity (BRC) – Developed in conjunction with ADFM, a new fellowship, designed to teach individuals how to build research capacity within their own programs and organizations, is open. Candidates need to have been asked to be a change agent for building their organization's capacity for producing scholarly activity. The fellow's organization should support development of that capability, including supporting the development of a strategic plan as a product of the BRC Fellowship. Fellows might be chairs, aspiring chairs, research directors, research change agents in a residency program, administrators or others charged with making change in the organization.

Another focus this year is succession planning. ADFM and NAPCRG worked jointly to recruit a new chair and vice chair of BRC (Peter Seidenberg, MD and Navkiran Shokar, MD) with terms that began in June. We will continue to build out succession plans for committee members as another step in this program's evolution and maturation.

- 2) Grant Generating Project (GGP) – a new fellowship year is open. The GGP is open to all faculty members who are interested in pursuing investigator-generated independent research on topics of interest to primary care. Applications are welcome from individuals with MD, PhD, ScD, EdD and other terminal degrees. Previous course work or applied experience in research methods is preferred for optimal participation.