The State Networks of Colorado Ambulatory Practices and Partners (SNOCAP) is a collaborative affiliation of practice-based research networks in Colorado aimed at improving community health through enhanced communication, joint research projects, and shared resources. By integrating diverse practices varying in size, location, populations served, and organizational structures, SNOCAP conducts more generalizable research compared to more uniform networks.

Supported by the University of Colorado's Department of Family Medicine, SNOCAP harnesses expertise across various domains including research methods, data analysis, and grant writing. The innovative Boot Camp Translation engagement method, developed by the High Plains Research Network, exemplifies SNOCAP's leadership in translating research into practice for healthier communities.

SNOCAP's networks were created to provide a stable structure to:
1) gain access to these relevant phenomena of primary care;
2) allow frontline clinicians to formulate and answer important questions with rigorous methods;
3) allow for patient and community member perspective, insight, and generation of important topics of interest and need.

What is SNOCAP?

FQHCs, residency practices, and practices and partners in the Front Range and San Luis Valley

Why partner with SNOCAP?

Does the medical research you read ask the questions and get the answers that are relevant to your practice and your patients? PBRN participation can help answer questions to improve the care you deliver to patients and provide knowledge for others.

Practice-based research is integral in improving informed evidence-based medicine and healthcare policy.

Most illnesses never advance to hospitalization or specialized care, yet most clinical teaching and research occurs in tertiary care centers. This has led to a mismatch between why people visit clinicians and what is investigated and taught in clinics. The daily phenomena of frontline clinical practice remain neglected. This frontier offers a host of opportunities to improve care for virtually all people.

In a study conducted in 2022, practices reported that PBRN research sparks important conversations to improve the quality of patient care over their lifetime. Most practices felt that their PBRN connected them to research that is vital to their practice's improvement, and that research reflected the needs of the practice.

Practice partners are invited to engage in SNOCAP's annual priority setting session, which provides practices with another avenue to shape the research SNOCAP conducts.

Practices participate in PBRN research because it is...

- beneficial to patients
- beneficial to the future of their practice
- relevant to their practice's and patients' needs
- vital to advancing their ability to serve underserved communities

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**SNOCAP Networks**

**BIGHORN**

**Building Investigative practices for better Health Outcomes Research Network (BIGHORN)** is a statewide network of independent primary care practices. BIGHORN's mission is to transform a network of private practices into a community of reflective, investigative practices and their patients, thereby enhancing the quality, safety, efficiency, and accessibility of primary health care through practice-based research. This network comprises practices representative of busy community practices in both urban and rural areas across Colorado.

**CaReNet**

The **Colorado Research Network (CaReNet)** is a statewide network of both urban and rural practices, located along the Front Range and in the San Luis Valley (SLV) in south central Colorado. CaReNet partners with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and primary care residency sites across the state. CaReNet is committed to questions with the potential to understand health, disease, illness, and the roles and values of primary care, with a particular focus on disadvantaged populations.

CaReNet works closely with its Patient Partners’ Research Council (PPRC) to develop projects and grants and to provide feedback to other campus researchers looking for the perspectives of older adults with an understanding of the academic research process. The PPRC has focused its last 5+ years on Alzheimer's disease and dementia, specifically how caregivers for people with these illnesses are affected by their role.

**COCONet**

The **Colorado Children's Outcomes Network (COCONet)** is a network of pediatric and child health focused practices that work to improve the health and well-being of Colorado children and families. COCONet's mission is to conduct collaborative practice-based research and quality improvement that informs real-world clinical practices.

COCONet has a Network Advisory Board (NAB), as well as a Steering Committee, that both meet as-needed to discuss priority topics and to participate in projects and grant writing. The COCONet NAB meets each quarter and focuses meetings on current and developing projects.

**HPRN**

The **High Plains Research Network (HPRN)** was established in 1997 and is an integrated rural network of clinicians and health care facilities located in the sixteen counties of rural eastern Colorado. HPRN’s mission is to provide excellent rural health care by translating the best scientific evidence into everyday clinical practice.

HPRN’s Community Advisory Council (CAC) was established in 2003 and consists of a "grassroots" group of local residents with diverse experiences and perspectives. The CAC combines science with community knowledge to benefit people living in eastern Colorado, the CAC has partnered with HPRN researchers to implement projects that have gained national recognition, like COMET (Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory).

**PEACHnet**

PEACHnet (**Patients Engaged in Achieving Change in Health**) was founded in 2017 and serves primary care practices on Colorado's western slope. The network connects practices and practitioners with health care related organizations ranging from academic institutions to Health Information Technology companies.

PEACHnet's Regional Advisory Board (RAB) meets as needed to provide input on the network's projects. Members of the RAB have served on project advisory committees for PEACHnet projects and are important thought partners for network projects.