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Building the Primary Care Research Workforce: Fellowships in Action

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Welcome



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Mission



Enhancing the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health services and access to such services, through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical and health system practices, including the prevention of diseases and other health conditions.

AHRQ...Improving health outcomes for the American people.

Leadership



**President
Donald J. Trump**



**Secretary
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**



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Research Priorities

- **Affordability**
 - ▶ Drug rebates
 - ▶ Hospital price transparency
 - ▶ Inappropriate services
- **Patient Safety & Quality**
 - ▶ Medical errors, medication safety, diagnosis improvement, performance measures
- **Effective & Appropriate Care**
 - ▶ Antibiotic stewardship
 - ▶ Overmedication of children
 - ▶ Evidence-based care for pediatric gender dysphoria
- **Digital Health & Innovation**
 - ▶ Telehealth optimization
 - ▶ Digital health tools
 - ▶ Artificial intelligence in health services research
- **Data, Methods & Scientific Integrity**
 - ▶ Real-world data platform
 - ▶ Replication & reproducibility
 - ▶ Innovative and rapid study methods
- **Chronic & Emerging Conditions**
 - ▶ Long COVID
 - ▶ Autism
 - ▶ Nutrition and chronic disease prevention
- **Health Outcomes**
 - ▶ Solution-oriented disparities research
 - ▶ Scientifically valid, measurable health outcomes
- **Research Workforce**
 - ▶ Training future health services researchers

NCEPCR's Activities



NCEPCR Website

<https://www.ahrq.gov/ncepcr/index.html>



Today's Webinar Objectives



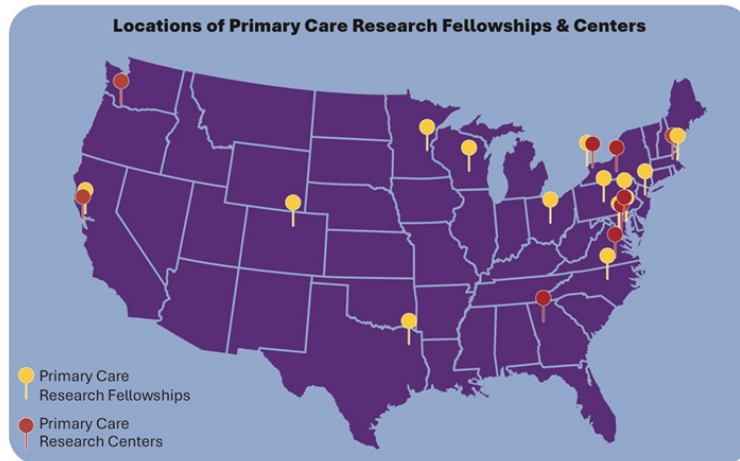
1. Learn about AHRQ's *Primary Care Research Fellowships & Centers* resource
2. Provide information on Primary Care Research Fellowships for prospective and early career primary care researchers
3. Highlight fellowship experiences of current and past fellows and how they have impacted their primary care research career

New Resource: Primary Care Research Fellowships & Centers

PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & CENTERS

AHRQ's [National Center for Excellence in Primary Care Research](#) (NCEPCR) recognizes the need for a robust primary care research workforce to answer pressing questions and identify solutions for the many challenges that face primary care today. NCEPCR has supported the development of new and early career health services and primary care researchers through a [junior summer fellows program](#).

In addition to its own program, NCEPCR recognizes that many academic institutions and organizations across the United States offer fellowships in primary care research. To assist prospective researchers—particularly clinician-researchers—NCEPCR has curated a list of these external fellowship opportunities. While not exhaustive, this list provides a starting point for those interested in developing a career in primary care research.



NCEPCR has also compiled a list of U.S.-based Primary Care Research Centers working to answer a variety of research questions and address the many challenges facing primary care. While not exhaustive, this list is intended to help researchers identify institutions actively engaged in primary care research and potential sites for training, collaboration, or employment.

Moderator



Kevin Grumbach, M.D.
University of California San Francisco

Panel Discussion



Fellows

- **Joshua Smith, M.D., M.P.H.:** Georgetown University; current Robert Graham Center Fellow
- **Roberta Chardulo-Reina, Ph.D.:** Penn State Health; current NRSA T32 Fellow
- **Hunter Holt, M.D.:** University of Illinois, Chicago; former UCSF Fellow, National Clinician Scholars Program

Fellowship Leadership

- **Yalda Jabbarpour, M.D.:** Director, Robert Graham Center
- **David Rabago, M.D.:** Penn State College of Medicine; Fellowship Director, NIH Institutional National Research Service Award (T32)

Questions

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