

The SOARNet Sentinel

President's Award for Excellence Presented to Dr. Chumlea



Cameron Chumlea, Ph.D., Fels Professor of Community Health and Pediatrics and Director of the Lifespan Health Research Center.

William (Cameron) Chumlea, Ph.D., Fels Professor of Community Health and Pediatrics at the Boonshoft School of Medicine and executive director of the Lifespan Health Research Center, has been an invaluable member of SOARNet since its inception. Dr. Chumlea recently received the President's Award for Excellence- Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research Award from Wright State University.

As a primary investigator for the Fels Longitudinal Study, he has played an integral role in developing the study from its original purpose of studying human growth and development through childhood, into one that covers the human lifespan.

Pediatricians routinely use the tool his team developed for tracking normal growth and development during a child's annual checkup, knowing that it helps in health promotion and disease prevention.

Much of Cameron's work has been to create U.S. and international standards used in clinical evaluations, such as childhood growth charts and measurement methods for quantifying the nutritional status of the elderly. Numerous federal agencies have tapped his expertise in anthropometry and body composition. He has been a consultant for major international studies aimed at developing measurement standards for fetal growth and infant nutrition.

2013 Events

WOPS Meeting

January 22, 2013

Amber Rose

Dayton, Ohio

Save the Dates!

PAS Meeting 2013

May 4 - 7, 2013

Walter E. Washington
Convention Center

Washington, D.C.



PROJECT UPDATES

AHRQ – PRIME Net

In September 2012, AHRQ announced grant awards to eight institutions to support collaborative centers for primary care practice-based research, including one to the Primary Care Multi-Ethnic Network for Practice Based Research (PRIME Net, of which SOARNet is a member).

The goals of this new initiative are to learn more about the delivery and organization of primary care and to create communities of learning among primary care practices, to improve health care quality, patient safety, and effectiveness of care.

For more than a decade, AHRQ has invested in primary care practice-based research networks (PBRNs) as vehicles for "putting practice into research and research into practice." PBRNs are groups of ambulatory medical practices devoted principally to the primary care of patients that join together to conduct and disseminate research to improve the practice of primary care.

While AHRQ has supported PBRNs with as few as 15 primary care practices, each Center created through this program has a minimum of 120 member practices and several have more than 500. Many of the Centers are collaborations between smaller well-established PBRNs. By leveraging common resources, these Centers are expected to improve productivity and to develop the ability to plan and conduct independent research projects more quickly and produce results that are more generalizable than they would as separate PBRNs.

AHRQ grant funding will allow each Center to support administrative and research cores over the next 5 years. AHRQ also intends to release limited-competition rapid-cycle research contracts targeted at these Centers. These funding opportunities will focus on AHRQ priority research areas including how primary care practices can contribute to patient safety, implement health IT to improve quality, and deliver patient-centered care. The Centers will be encouraged to utilize their shared infrastructure to pursue a wide variety of research projects, funding opportunities, and quality improvement activities supported by a broad base of funders.



SOARNet Publications - 2012

SOARNet is proud to share the publication of two of our research projects:

Correlates of Mothers' Perception of their Communities' Social Capital: A Community-based Study, was accepted in 2012 for the **Maternal and Child Health Journal**.

Parents' Perspectives on Their Children's Health Insurance: Plight of the Underinsured, was accepted for publication in 2012 in **The Journal of Pediatrics**.

We are excited to share the news of publication in these prestigious journals! If you would like to receive a copy of either journal article, please email: susan.howard@wright.edu

Current Projects

PRINS -2 (Primary Care Network Survey) is being repeated by SOARNet this year. We are hoping to better describe our network's providers and patients, because we have grown significantly since initially completing the PRINS a decade ago. We hope to finish data collection in mid 2013.

The **Adolescent Health in Pediatric Practice Study** (AHIPP) is a PROS (Pediatric Research in Office Settings) national study that looks to demonstrate the effectiveness of a provider delivered tobacco cessation intervention. SOARNet is collaborating with PROS to recruit physicians within our network to participate. If interested, please contact Dr. Eberhart or Dr. Pascoe at 937-641-3277.

Practice Spotlight – Wilmington Medical Associates

SOARNet welcomes Dr. Lisa Ziemnik M.D., a pediatrician with Wilmington Medical Associates. It is a rural practice in Wilmington, Ohio, located just east of interstate 71 between Dayton and Cincinnati. The practice is composed of 10 physicians and 2 nurse practitioners. Wilmington Medical Associates is a primary care multispecialty group with physicians in family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics. There are four pediatricians and one pediatric nurse practitioner in the practice. The pediatric portion of the practice sees over 15000 patients a year from five different counties. The goal at Wilmington Medical Associates is to provide comprehensive pediatric care for every stage of development and to help each child reach his or her full potential.



OUR VISION

Members of the Southwestern Ohio Ambulatory Research Network (SOARNet) are committed to improving the health and welfare of children and adolescents.

OUR MISSION

Members of SOARNet collaborate within our unique collection of primary care practices (urban, suburban, rural, and military). We share new knowledge from our studies among network members and others. We aim to make important contributions that enable primary care clinicians to provide high quality, culturally competent care to their patients.

OUR MEMBERS

Children's Health Clinic
Community Child Health Centers
Cornerstone Pediatrics
Indian Ripple Family Health Center
Ollie Davis Family Health Center
Ohio Pediatrics, Inc.
Northwest Dayton Pediatrics

Pediatric Associates of Dayton
Primed Physicians of Dayton
Rocking Horse Center
South Dayton Pediatrics
Star Pediatrics
University Medicine-Pediatrics
Wilmington Medical Associates
WPAFB Pediatric Clinic

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