



April 2024 News & Updates

April 11-17th is Black Maternal Health Week!

Learn more about national efforts to mitigate Black maternal health disparities and uplift Black mothers:

[Black Mamas Matter Alliance: 2024 Black Maternal Health Week](#)

[CDC: Working Together to Reduce Black Maternal Mortality](#)

Welcoming Our New Maternal Health Implementation Science Physician Research Scholar!

Dr. Iroque Igbinosa, MD, FACOG

Dr. Igbinosa is a Maternal Fetal Medicine physician and Women's Reproductive Health Scholar (K12) at Stanford. She received her medical degree from Baylor



College of Medicine and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Baton Rouge. She has served in the CDC Emergency Operations Center as a Public- Health policy fellow and contributed to research regarding the management of Zika virus in pregnant persons. Dr. Igbinosa's current research interest includes severe maternal morbidity and mortality, health disparities and equity, anemia in pregnancy, infectious diseases, and clinical trials. In her free time, her hobbies include reading, traveling, and concerts. She is excited to join the team as the AMETHIST Maternal Health Implementation Science Physician Research Scholar!

AMETHIST@Penn Welcomes New Design Core Lead

We are pleased to welcome our new Design Core Lead, [LauraEllen Ashcraft, Ph.D., MSW](#). We would like to thank our previous core lead Alisa Stephens-Shields for her outstanding partnership, and she will remain a consultant for AMETHIST.



Michigan State University Announces Open Faculty Position

Michigan State University has announced an open faculty position in the Maternal Health Multilevel Interventions for Racial Equity (MIRACLE) Center of Excellence.

More information can be found [here](#).



Call for Submissions: 2024 Society for Implementation Research Collaboration

Registration opens on June 11th.

More information can be found [here](#).



Postdoctoral Opportunity in Population Health Sciences!

The *Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Informatics* is seeking postdoctoral trainees from underprivileged backgrounds to support them with research on health disparities, cancer epidemiology, and more. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent. M.D.s are also encouraged to apply. The application deadline is April 30th, 2024.

To learn more about this position, please click [here](#).

AMETHIST's Upcoming Events

Implementation Cost Analyses Seminar
with **Heidi Harvie**, MD, MBA, MSCE, Director of
*Penn Urogynecology & Pelvic Reconstructive
Surgery at Pennsylvania Hospital*

Join us on Friday, April 5th, 1-2pm (ET).

Registration for the event can be found [here](#).



**Upcoming Workshop: AMETHIST@Penn
LDI Policymaker Engagement**

Monday, April 22nd from 3-4pm (ET)

AMETHIST@Penn and the Leonard Davis Institute of



Health Economics are proud to offer a workshop on direct policymaker engagement. This workshop will focus on multiple aspects of engagement, and will be led by [Julia Hinckley, JD](#). Please register [here](#).

Messaging for Behavior Change in Maternal Health Seminar

Friday, May 3rd, 1-2pm (ET)

Please join us for a discussion on principles around effective messaging for behavior change in maternal health, presented by [Jessica Fishman, Ph.D.](#)



Registration can be found [here](#).



Penn Implementation Science Institute

June 11-14th, 12-5pm ET, virtual format

Information about opportunities for sponsored attendance to the institute has been disseminated to each CoE.

Feel free to reach out to Casey Vaughan (casey.vaughan@pennterms.edu) with any questions.

For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/ISInstitute2024>



Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine 2025 Pregnancy Meeting

SMFM is looking for a new lead of the Implementation Science Forum, given the completion of Dr. Rebecca Hamm's 2-year term.

There are two upcoming opportunities available with SMFM: **General Abstract Reviewer and Scientific Forum Chair**.

Please visit the links below for more information:

**Call for Articles:
Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices for
Improving Maternal and Neonatal Health**

The submission deadline has been *extended to Saturday, August 31st, 2024*.
Subject categories include **Implementation Science** and
Implementation Science Communications.

Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

We're looking for your input!

We are looking to change the timing of our monthly seminars to best service the community. Please help us understand the best timing for our seminars by completing the below survey!

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