



December 2024 News & Updates

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Designing Implementation Research Studies Seminar

Friday, December 6th | 1pm ET

Join us on December 6th for a presentation on designing implementation science research studies. This session will focus on topics such as hybrid implementation study design, stepped wedge study design, power considerations, and overall challenges and lessons learned when designing implementation science studies. Our presenter for the seminar is **Alisa Stephens Shields, PhD**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics at Penn and the Director of the Penn Biostatistics and Data Science Core.



[Zoom Registration](#)

Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI) Journalist Engagement Workshop

Thursday, December 12th | 2:30-4:00pm ET



AMETHIST@Penn and the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics are proud to offer a workshop on interacting with journalists on maternal health issues. This workshop will focus on outreach and building relationships with reporters and will be led by **Karl Stark**.

[Register Here](#)

Working on an op-ed? Let us help!

The AMETHIST Policy Core has launched a new form in the collaboration portal that breaks down op-ed writing into eight easy questions. After submitting the form, we will schedule a feedback meeting with you to provide input on your responses and discuss any questions you may have. You can access the new form [here](#).

Read the recently published op-ed from an AMETHIST@Penn postdoctoral trainee!

Emily Pfender, PhD, recently published an op-ed on STAT News, entitled *Social media misinformation is scaring women about birth control*.



Read it [here](#)!

December Office Hours for IMPROVE Trainees

Wednesday, December 18th

Are you a trainee involved with one of the IMPROVE Centers of Excellence? If you are looking for assistance with IDP creation and feedback, career development award guidance, or advice on the design and conduct of a small-scale implementation project, feel free to sign up for office hours with our AMETHIST Training Core Co-Leads or Co-Investigators.

Trainees may include post-docs, undergraduate or medical students, junior faculty, or anyone in a structured training program.

Sign up here for a 20-minute session:

[Monthly Training Core Office Hours — Signup Sheet](#)

AMETHIST@Penn Research Scholar Opportunities: Maternal Health Implementation Science

**AMETHIST@Penn Maternal Health
Implementation Science
Nurse Research Scholar**

AMETHIST@Penn is seeking applicants for a 1–2 year remote training and mentorship program. **This opportunity is open to:**

**AMETHIST@Penn Maternal Health
Implementation Science
Physician Research Scholar**

AMETHIST@Penn is seeking applicants for a 1–2 year remote training and mentorship program. **This opportunity is open to:**

- Nurses who have completed a PhD and are within 3 years of their terminal training program. This includes:
 - PhD students who have passed their qualifications
 - Postdocs
 - Assistant professors within 3 years of appointment
- Employed at one of the 12 IMPROVE CoEs or 2 associated Hubs

**Nurse Research Scholar
Information & Application**

- MD/DOs who completed an OBGYN residency
- Are either in a post-residency fellowship program, or within 3-years of completing their terminal training (either residency or fellowship)
- Employed at one of the 12 IMPROVE CoEs or 2 associated Hubs

**Physician Research Scholar
Information & Application**

AMETHIST@Penn-IMPROVE Centers of Excellence Year 2 Follow-Up Survey & Virtual Site Visits

The AMETHIST@Penn IMPROVE Centers of Excellence Follow-Up Survey is currently open for year 2. CoEs now have the opportunity to indicate any changes to their center's needs related to implementation science design, community engagement, policy, and training. Contact PIs should have received the survey link; please have your team fill this out at your earliest convenience if you haven't already!

Additional planning is also underway for year 2 virtual site visits with the CoEs. CoEs, please keep an eye out for an email from us regarding scheduling and more information on preparing for your Y2 virtual site visit!

If there have been any changes to your primary contact list, or if you have any other questions, please send an email to AMETHIST@pennteam.upenn.edu.

The 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health *Moving Fast and Slow: Optimizing the Pace of Implementation* December 8th-11th | Arlington, VA

Onsite registration is open for the conference and pre-conference workshops.

**D&I Conference Registration
Details**

**D&I Pre-Conference
Workshop Information**

The conference is co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and



Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine: 2025 Pregnancy Meeting

Registration is now open for prospective attendees!

The *Implementation Science in Obstetrics* forum on Jan. 27th, 2025 (3:00-5:00pm MT) will be run by Michelle Debbink, MD, PhD of the University of Utah (ELEVATE) IMPROVE Center of Excellence, and Michelle Moniz, MD, MSc., of the University of Michigan.

[View Important Dates & Deadlines](#)

Revisiting AMETHIST's Third Internal Family Meeting

The AMETHIST@Penn initiative held its 3rd family meeting for internal staff members on Thursday, November 21st. Discussions were focused on Core updates, building relationships within and beyond the 12 IMPROVE Centers of Excellence, next steps for project aims, lessons learned, and future plans for the initiative.

Thank you to all of our AMETHIST@Penn family who were able to attend in-person and virtually!

Share your Maternal Health Implementation Science Opportunities with Us!

Would you like to share current job postings or training events related to maternal health implementation science with us? Please email these opportunities to AMETHIST@pennmedicine.upenn.edu to promote in our monthly newsletters!

Check out our library of resources
or request a consult!

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