



June 2024 News & Updates

AMETHIST's Upcoming Events



Seminar: *Implementation Outcomes Overview*

Friday, June 7th, 1pm (ET)

Please join us for an overview on implementation outcomes and ways to capture them. This discussion will include conversations on why we collect implementation-related outcomes, deeper definitions of specific outcomes, such as acceptability, feasibility, and usability, and considerations for operationalization of outcomes for research projects.

This seminar will be presented by **Laura Ellen Ashcraft, PhD, MSW.**

Registration Link:

<https://penmedicine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkcucqoqDksGdzbAA92JxEmkBX8lrTd9BLS>

FYI: There is no July seminar next month due to the 4th of July holiday!

Please join us for these community forums bringing researchers together from across the IMPROVE network to help and learn from one another.

These discussions are open to anyone who would like to work on incorporating these implementation science outcomes.

Feel free to invite those from your team you think would be helpful to these conversations.

Digging in on the Implementation Outcomes of:

REACH

Wednesday, June 26th, 1pm (ET)

ACCEPTABILITY

Tuesday, July 9th, 2pm (ET)

Collecting Your Implementation Related Research Measures



Are you performing implementation surveys, interviews, or focus groups as a part of your research? AMETHIST@Penn is currently compiling sites' implementation-related data collection measures including surveys and interview guides. Sites are encouraged to upload these measures through the IMPROVE Collaboration Portal in the [Data Collection Measures folder](#). We hope this database can be helpful in optimizing these measures across Centers!



MIRACLE Center of Excellence Design Consultation Testimonial

Dr. Jennifer Johnson, PhD (Michigan State University)

"AMETHIST has been incredibly helpful to our Maternal Health MIRACLE Center. Our challenge is that we have faculty with strong implementation science expertise but minimal bandwidth. AMETHIST was able to understand the overall implementation approach for our Center, work with two of our projects to create Hybrid Type Is consistent with the other parts of the Center, and offer one-time and ongoing training to younger investigators to help the Center increase its person-power to carry out its implementation science activities. AMETHIST listened to our needs and capably stepped in to increase and help build our implementation science capacity. 100% would recommend. Thank you, AMETHIST!"

If you would like to request a consult, please submit a request [here](#), or email us at AMETHIST@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

Interested in an Equity-Based Workshop Series?

AMETHIST@Penn is looking to hold an equity-focused journal club and workshop series. Please click [here](#) to learn more and to indicate your interest in participating!

Call for Proposals: AMETHIST@Penn Pilot Grants in Maternal Health Implementation Science

AMETHIST@Penn has announced its inaugural pilot grant in Maternal Health Implementation Science. The grant is in the amount of **\$20,000 to support a 1-year** and will offer investigators support and hands-on mentorship through the AMETHIST Hub. Investigators with interests in maternal health, health equity, and

implementation science are encouraged to apply!

Up to two scholars will be accepted on an annual basis through the grant period, and there is no limit on how many applications can be submitted.

The deadline to apply is June 30th, 2024.

Please email AMETHIST@penncmedicine.upenn.edu for more information about this opportunity.

D&I Abstract Review!

Abstracts are due July 18th, 2024 at 5pm ET for the upcoming Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation (D&I). The AMETHIST@Penn team has committed to reviewing and providing feedback on all abstracts received before June 12th, 2024. However, any abstracts submitted to our team after June 12th may still be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please send abstracts for review to AMETHIST@penncmedicine.upenn.edu.

The conference is taking place in December 2024 and is co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AcademyHealth.

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Learn more about the course and sign up [here](#).

Upcoming Opportunities with Michigan State University (MIRACLE)



Collaborating Scholars Position

The MIRACLE Center is officially accepting applications for collaborating

scholars until July 30th, 2024. Applicants do not need be physically located at MSU or in Michigan - as work can be conducted remotely. Collaborating Scholars are early-stage investigators, including junior faculty, doctoral students, and postdocs, with expertise or interest in conducting research to reduce disparities in maternal mortality or morbidity. Scholars are eligible to receive up to **\$20,000 a year in research funding**. Scholars from backgrounds or identities underrepresented in health sciences, as [defined by the NIH](#), are encouraged to

apply.

Please see the linked [PDF](#) for full details and share with your networks.
Questions may be directed to MIRACLEtraining@msu.edu.

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.

The deadline to apply is **October 31st, 2024**.

[Read More Here](#)

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](#).



Penn Implementation Science Institute

Thank you to our Centers of Excellence and IMPROVE-CIP for identifying the individual from their team who will be attending this year's ISI. We are looking forward to having you all join and to build capacity in implementation science!

Updates from each Core at AMETHIST@Penn

Administrative Core

- On May 9th, we held our inspiring second AMETHIST@Penn family meeting where we reviewed accomplishments, challenges, and planned future goals for our program!

Design Core

- Over the last 6 months, we have had 13 productive consults to aid Centers of Excellence across the country, aimed at incorporating implementation science methods into their maternal health research. Click [here](#) to request a consult.

Equity Core

- Our second quarterly Equity Enhancement Collaborative (EEC) meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 25th, 2024** with the CIRCLE Oklahoma and MARCH Avera McKennan Centers of Excellence.

Training Core

- In the last 6 months, we've held 6 monthly seminars and 3 workshops on implementation science and maternal health topics for the IMPROVE network.
- We are onboarding our incoming pre-professional and undergraduate trainees as we prepare to give them an enriching research experience during their time with AMETHIST.

Check out our library of resources
or request a consult!

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