



November 2024 News & Updates

Announcements & Upcoming Events

TODAY!

Increasing Rigor in Implementation Research: A Conversation About Best Practices

Friday, November 1st | 1pm-2pm ET



Panelists:

Amanda Bettencourt, PhD, APRN, CCRN-K, ACCNS-P (left)

Shimrit Keddem, PhD, MPH (middle)

Katharine Rendle, PhD, MSW, MPH (right)

Join us today, 11/1, as we host a discussion on best practices for implementation science research studies. During this session, you will hear from accomplished IS researchers within the AMETHIST network on topics such as decision tracking, optimizing communication within IS research teams, maintaining rigor throughout the course of a project, and more. The discussion will be moderated by one of our AMETHIST co-directors, **Meghan Lane-Fall, MD, MSHP, FCCM.**

[Register Here](#)

Designing Implementation Research Studies Seminar

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.



**Alisa Stephens Shields,
PhD**

[Zoom Registration](#)

Reflecting on the NIH IMPROVE Initiative's 5th Anniversary Meeting

From Oct. 15th -16th, the NIH IMPROVE initiative held its 5th Anniversary meeting with IMPROVE awardees, maternal health researchers, and community partners.

Of the IMPROVE awardees were the 12 Centers of Excellence that work alongside AMETHIST@Penn investigators, the University of Pennsylvania Implementation Science Hub, and the Johns Hopkins University Data, Innovation, and Coordination Hub.

Across the two-day event, topics focused on the following:

- Communities impacted by the maternal health crisis
- Mental health and substance use disorders among maternal populations
- In-home maternal healthcare services
- The social and structural determinants of maternal health
- Maternal cardiovascular outcomes
- Best practices for utilizing data and policy to mitigate adverse maternal health outcomes

The AMETHIST@Penn team would like to congratulate everyone in attendance for their informative presentations and their significant contributions to the field of maternal health research!

November Office Hours for IMPROVE Trainees

Wednesday, November 20th

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

The AMETHIST@Penn IMPROVE Centers of Excellence Follow-Up Survey is currently being developed for year 2. CoEs will soon have the opportunity to indicate any changes to their center's needs related to implementation science design, community engagement, policy, and training. 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, please email these updates 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*

Registration is open for the conference, pre-conference workshops, and adjunct events!

**D&I Conference Registration
Details**

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

Register for D&I Adjunct Events

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

**Come meet in person with those
interested in implementation science**

in maternal health at an event co-sponsored by AMETHIST!

Sunday, December 8th
5:00-7:00 pm ET



AMETHIST is partnering with the IS4MH Interest Group to hold an adjunct meeting at the end of the first day of pre-conference workshops on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 5-7pm.

This session provides an opportunity for researchers at the intersection of implementation science and maternal health to connect with and learn from each other. The program features networking and lightning talks of maternal health posters at the D&I conference.

This session is open to all but space is limited. Dinner will be served.

Please RSVP by Oct. 31st 2024 [here](#).



Early on in your career or know someone who is?

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is hosting an Early-Career Technical Assistance Workshop on the last day of D&I on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 from 1-5pm ET. Topics covered will include funding opportunities, foundational implementation science methods, and roundtable discussion including opportunity for 1:1 project feedback!

Registration closes Nov. 1st and the link to register can be found [here](#). Please reach out to ditaworkshop@va.gov for more information.



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

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Implementation Science Faculty Position Opportunity with MSU!

Michigan State University is the first academic department to be co-developed and co-governed with the communities it seeks to serve. They are **hiring** both implementation scientists and individuals doing work in maternal health equity at Associate and Full Professor levels. These are tenured medical school research positions without classroom teaching responsibilities.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled.

Internal AMETHIST@Penn Third Family Meeting

We are pleased to announce our third AMETHIST@Penn Family Meeting taking place on Thursday, Nov. 21st, 2024 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm ET.

This meeting will bring together our internal members to discuss core-specific updates, suggestions and guidance for success in grant year 2, and more!

Additional details including an agenda and a map of our venue will be provided at a later date.

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@penncollaboration.upenn.edu to promote in our monthly newsletters!

Check out our library of resources
or request a consult!

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