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## May 2025 News & Updates

### Announcements & Upcoming Events



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calendar of events!

#### 5/19 Virtual Forum on Doulas:



**Dr. Sindhu Srinivas, MD,  
MSCE**



**Dr. Abike James, MD, MPH**

AMETHIST is excited to invite you to our  
**"Studying the Implementation of Doulas within Projects"**  
Forum on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-4pm EDT.

This forum will be a community conversation led by doula implementation experts **Drs. Sindhu Srinivas, MD, MSCE and Abike James, MD, MPH**.

Our goal is to bring together researchers from across the IMPROVE network to learn from and alongside one another. This will be an invaluable opportunity to hear from experts and learn how other Centers of Excellence are currently working with doulas or considering how to implement them into their research projects.

Please feel free to share this invitation with other team members that would find this conversation helpful (including your doula partners)!

If you plan to attend, please let us know by **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** and by registering at this [link](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE**

MAY 13, 2025 FROM 12PM TO 5PM (EST) VIRTUAL EVENT

**Policy Day:  
"Postpartum Care: Vital Opportunities to Promote Maternal Health"**

The AMETHIST Policy Core will be hosting a Policy Day on “Postpartum Care: Vital Opportunities to Promote Maternal Health.” **The event will take place virtually on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-5:00pm EDT.** The goal of this event is to facilitate open discussions about postpartum care policies and research, encouraging collaboration and outlining actionable strategies to advance postpartum care. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with and learn from other IMPROVE investigators as well as policymakers, maternal health advocates, content experts, and journalists.

**Event Registration**

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**May Office Hours for IMPROVE Trainees**

*Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>*

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](#)**

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**Join the Engagement Enhancement Collaborative (EEC)**

**for our first virtual forum!**

The discussion will focus on pregnancy-related legislation and maternal health in the United States, and will take place on **Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **2:30p-4:00p EDT**. The conversation will be led by EEC Core Leads **Micki Burdick, PhD**, and **Sarita Sonalkar, MD, MPH**.

Register for the forum [here](#)! A Zoom link will be sent to you after registration is complete.

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

AMETHIST@Penn has announced its pilot grant in Maternal Health Implementation Science. The grant is in the amount of \$20,000 for a course of 1- year and will offer investigators support and hands-on mentorship through the AMETHIST Hub. Investigators with interests in maternal health, health disparities, and implementation science are encouraged to apply! Up to three 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Please email [AMETHIST@penncmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:AMETHIST@penncmedicine.upenn.edu) for more information about this opportunity.

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### **Announcing the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Implementation Science Institute!**

Registration is now open for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Implementation Science Institute, taking place virtually from **June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. This four-day event will feature expert-led sessions on key topics such as implementation models and strategies, study design, health equity, behavioral economics, policy dissemination, and more—including a dedicated maternal health track on the final day. The program will also feature a keynote presentation by **Dr. J.D. Smith of the University of Utah**.

*Registration closes on May 16<sup>th</sup> so be sure to sign up soon!*

For more information, contact [ISInstitute@penncmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:ISInstitute@penncmedicine.upenn.edu).

[View the full event flyer here!](#)

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### **Check out our two newest maternal health research resources!**

Our postdoctoral trainees have developed two new resource documents to support the work of maternal health researchers within and beyond the

*Practical and Persuasive Communication with Policymakers: A Guide for Maternal Health Researchers*

*Social Media & Maternal Health Empowerment: A Practical Guide for Maternal Health Researchers to Share Evidence-Based Content in Videos Online*

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**Completion of AMETHIST-IMPROVE Year 2 Virtual Site Visits**

The AMETHIST@Penn Hub is excited to announce that we have completed all of our Year 2 site virtual site visits with the IMPROVE Centers of Excellence!



Thank you to all the Centers who have participated and shared updates on your research design and incorporation of implementation strategies, community engagement, policy and communication plans, and training opportunities! We are so excited to continue partnering with you and supporting your amazing work!

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**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@penncare.upenn.edu](mailto:AMETHIST@penncare.upenn.edu) to promote in our monthly newsletters!

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Check out our library of resources or request a consult!

[IMPROVE Collaboration Portal](#)

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