AMETHIST

ACHIEVING MATERNAL EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMING HEALTH THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND TRAINING

August 2026 News & Updates

Announcements & Upcoming Events

View our full calendar of events!

Check out AMETHIST's Year-In-Review

We are excited to share our *Year-in-Review* document highlighting AMETHIST's accomplishments over the past year!

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Apply to be a Co-Chair with the Implementation Science for Maternal Health (IS4MH) Special Interest Group!

The *Implementation Science for Maternal Health (IS4MH) Special Interest Group* is **seeking two new Co-Chairs** to help lead and grow its community beginning in 2027.

The Co-Chairs will provide strategic and operational leadership for the group. **Applicants from all degree backgrounds and disciplines are welcome**, including but not limited to medicine, nursing, public health, maternal health,

behavioral sciences, social sciences, health services research, and implementation science.

Applications are due Sunday, November 1st. Please submit all materials to **rebecca.feldmanhamm@pennmedicine.upenn.edu**.

Full Application Criteria

Upcoming Seminar | Implementation Outcomes: Selection, Measurement, and Evaluation

Friday, September 11th | 1-2 PM ET

Join the AMETHIST Design Core for a seminar outlining how IMPROVE investigators can select, measure, and analyze implementation outcomes within the context of their projects. This session will introduce practical approaches for evaluating implementation outcomes both prospectively and retrospectively using quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Attendees will learn strategies for selecting meaningful outcomes and measures, collecting and analyzing data, and interpreting findings to strengthen implementation and evaluation efforts. By the end of the seminar, attendees will have actionable tools and insights to support rigorous implementation research within their own projects.

Link to Register

AMETHIST Rapid Consultations

Looking for feedback on a new project idea? Want to discuss reviewer comments on a grant proposal? Have a quick IS question that you'd like some input on? The AMETHIST Design Core's "rapid consultations" offer IMPROVE researchers the opportunity to connect with an AMETHIST team member for early-stage feedback, brainstorming, and strategic thought partnership on a specific project or challenge.

To request a rapid consultation, contact Shelby Billups (**shelby.billups@pennmedicine.upenn.edu**) and share 4–5 dates/times that work for you over the next 1–2 weeks. From there, we'll schedule a 15–30-minute meeting between you and an AMETHIST team member.

Community Partners – apply to join the Community Scholars Program to connect, learn, and advance maternal health research!



The *IMPROVE Community Scholars Program* – led by **REACH** through the **AMETHIST** Implementation Science Hub, and as part of the **NIH IMPROVE Initiative** – is a free, virtual training designed for community leaders ready to turn maternal health priorities into actionable research. Through an interactive cohort model, participants gain practical skills, expert guidance, and peer connections while developing their own research question, measurable outcomes, and draft concept paper in progress towards a pilot grant opportunity. More than a training, the program builds a supportive community of practice where participants learn from one another and form lasting partnerships.

Apply today to strengthen your impact and help advance maternal health solutions through research. This programming is set to launch Fall of 2026.

Check out our library of resources or request a consult!

IMPROVE Collaboration Portal

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