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A message from our Principal Investigators

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We have a heart for Imperial Valley. We are so excited to see the launch of the Imperial County Clinical Research Network (ICCRN). ICCRN has been a labor of love and many years in the making! The strengths of our community lie within the people. Research brings opportunities for improving the level of health and wellness in our beloved community and we can't wait to see both the scientific and social impact that this will provide.

Who we are

ICCRN is a partnership between Imperial County patients, community members, healthcare agencies, San Diego State University, and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The cooperative agreement helps local residents and agencies prioritize health needs, explore health data needs, and conduct pilot projects based on these priorities. Our vision is to foster relevant, feasible, sustainable, and potentially translatable approaches for promoting health and well-being within the rural border region of Imperial County and beyond.

Recent Activities

Advisory Committees

ICCRN's patient, community stakeholder, and clinician advisory committees have provided their unique voice, expertise, and lived experiences to identify Imperial County health priorities (whole person health, improved access to care, patient education), reviewed pilot project submissions, and provided practical feedback for the pilot projects.

Pilot Projects

In July 2024, we launch two pilot projects focused on Imperial County health priorities. Pilot project leaders are working hard to develop protocols and incorporate patient, community, and clinical feedback into plans and materials.



Pilot Project 1 (PP1): PP1 is led by Dr. Emily Schmied and Dr. Shiloh Williams. The focus is on Type II Diabetes, education, and continuous glucose monitoring.



Pilot Project 2 (PP2): PP2 was selected after a competition and input from all advisory committees. Dr. Donna Balsam and Dr. Giang T. Pham will lead the effort to examine maternal health and perinatal outcomes in Imperial County.

Announcements

New Clinical Partner

We are proud to announce that Innecare has joined ICCRN as our clinical partner. We look forward to this partnership and the future of ICCRN. We are working on adding a second clinical partner to our network.

We Are Hiring

We are expanding our research team. Currently, three positions are available: EHR Research Analyst (Req No 2023-16133), Administrative Assistant (Req No 2023-15951), and Research Assistant (Req. No. 2023-15951). Interested parties should go to <https://careers-sdsurf.icims.com/> and click on "view all open positions" to find the job descriptions.

Upcoming National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Site Visit

ICCRN will be visited by program officials from NIMHD on September 18, 2023. This will give them an opportunity to better understand our community and ICCRN's activities. We will visit the US-Mexico border, the SDSU Calexico and Brawley campuses, Innecare, the SDSU IV RISE Center, and Pioneers Memorial Hospital.



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