

North Dakota Women's Health CORE

A National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
Region VIII Demonstration Project



Keeping North Dakota Women Connected to a Healthier Tomorrow.

History

- In 1996, the DHHS Office on Women's Health (OWH) established the Center of Excellence (CoE) program with the goal of improving health care of American women.
- The CoE program is a means for designated centers to serve as catalysts in their communities and across the nation to address and provide for the advancement of women faculty, the integration of high quality research and training in women's health linked with community outreach and behavioral, dental and physical health care services.

Components

- **CORE Leadership:**
Director: Elizabeth Burns, MD, MA
Deputy Directors: Drs. Rosanne McBride and James Beal
Coordinator: Sarah J. Owens
- **Clinical** (Michael Brown, MD)
- **Outreach** (Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N.)
- **Research** (Sharon Wilsnack, Ph.D.)
- **Education** (Rosanne McBride, Ph.D.)
- **Leadership** (Elizabeth Burns, MD)
- **Evaluation** (James Beal, Ph.D.)

Advisory Committee

- **Mikey Hoeven** (ND First Lady)
- **Pam Guleson** (Deputy State Director, Senator Dorgan, State Legislator)
- **Terry Dwelle, MD** (ND State Health Officer)
- **Adele Kupchella** (Wife of UND President)
- **Twila Martin Kekabhah** (OWH Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts)
- **Linda Gourneau, MD** (United Tribes Technical College)

Clinical

- Michael Brown, M.D., Clinical Committee Chair, Chair, Ob/Gyn Department
- Yvonne Gomez, M.D., Family Medicine
- Tana Setness-Hoefs, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Trish Langlois, M.D., Geriatric Medicine
- Susan Zelewski, M.D., Pediatrics
- Cora-Len Hutton, NP, Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Kathy Detke, NP, Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Cindy Anderson, Ph.D., WHNP, IBLCC, UND, Assistant Professor, UND College of Nursing
- ReNee Axtman, Primary Care
- Julie Jeske, Public Affairs



Clinical Goal

- Maintain and expand a preexisting comprehensive, integrated clinical care center for women, which includes provision for preventive services.

Clinical Information

- Located in Obstetrics & Gynecology Department at Altru Health System

Clinical Activities

- Fully integrated system of care, bringing together Ob/Gyn, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics
- Development of a patient intake form
- Development of a patient resource room
 - All of the women's health information at your fingertips

Outreach

- Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., Outreach Chair, Associate Dean for Rural Health and Director Center for Rural Health
- Sue Offutt, Ph.D., Outreach Co-Chair, Associate Director, Center for Rural Health
- Laurie Betting, DPT, Director, UND Wellness Center
- Tracy Evanson, PhD, APRN, BC, Assistant Professor, UND College of Nursing
- Jacque Gray, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Center for Rural Health and Indians in Medicine Program (INMED)
- Margo Adams-Larsen, Ph.D., Director, UND Psychological Services Center
- Marlene Miller, MSW, Project Coordinator, ND Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program, Center for Rural Health
- Kristine Sande, MS, Project Director, Rural Assistance Center (RAC), Center for Rural Health
- Deb Arnold, State Women's Health Coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health
- Dr. Tom Arnold, MD, Chair, Provider's Partnership Project
- Sharon Ericson, CEO, Valley Community Health
- Kristi Hall-Jiran, Director, Grand Forks Community Violence Intervention Center



Outreach Goal

- Develop and implement a comprehensive community outreach strategy, which includes prevention & rural areas.

Partners



Future Projects

- North Dakota Women's Health Connection
 - Monday, September 18, 2006 @ Alerus Center Grand Forks, ND
 - 1-5pm with a mocktail hour following at the New UND Wellness Center
 - Women's Health Research Conference will be done in connection
- UCSF/Johnson & Johnson:
 - Connecting the services of the Grand Forks Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) to Valley Community Health in Northwood and Larimore, North Dakota via telehealth.

Outreach Resources

- Women's Health Update (Newsletter)
- Website
- UND Center for Rural Health
- RAC
- Patient Resource Room @ Altru
- Women's Health Conferences
- Sponsorships
- Partnerships

Research

- Sharon C. Wilsnack, Ph.D., Research Committee Chair, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, UND Department of Clinical Neuroscience
- James R. Beal, Ph.D., CoE Deputy Director, Chair of Evaluation Committee, Assistant Professor and Director of Research and Program Development, UND Department of Family Medicine
- Alana Knudson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Center for Rural Health
- Donna L. Morris, CNM, DrPH, Associate Professor of Family and Community Nursing, UND College of Nursing
- Nancy D. Vogeltanz-Holm, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UND Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Director, Center for Health Promotion and Translation Research
- Stephen A. Wonderlich, Ph.D., Professor, UND Department of Clinical Neuroscience

Research Goal

- Develop a comprehensive women's health research agenda that includes basic, preventive, clinical, and applied research and disseminate research findings.

Research Projects

- North Dakota Women's Health Research Connection
 - Monday, September 18, 2006 in conjunction with ND Women's Health Connection.
- North Dakota Research Resource Directory
 - Listing of all women's health research in North Dakota compiled by contacting all IRBs in the state.

Education

Med School Committee

- Rosanne McBride, Ph.D., Education Committee Chair, CoE Deputy Director, Assistant Professor, UND Department of Family Medicine
- Charles Christianson, M.D., Associate Professor
- Judy DeMers, Director, Faculty Affairs, UND SMHS
- Richard Vari, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Medical Education, UND SMHS
- Roger Schauer, M.D., Director, Predoctoral Medical Education, Director, Rural Medicine, UND Office of Medical Education,
- Kathy Sukalski, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biochemistry
- Eugene DeLorme, J.D., Director, Indians into Medicine (INMED)
- Julie Anderson, PhD, RN, CCRC, Assistant Professor, UND College of Nursing
- Steven Hill, M.D., Co-Director, UND Office of Medical Education

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- **Rosanne McBride, Ph.D.** Education Committee Chair, CoE Deputy Director, Assistant Professor, UND Department of Family Medicine
- **Cynthia Flom Melland, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy
- **Mary Ann Laxen, PA-C, MAB**, Director, Physician Assistant Program, UND Department of Family Medicine
- **Sonya Zimmerman, M.A.**, Assistant Professor, UND Department of Occupational Therapy

Education Goal

- Develop a culturally competent health care professional training/education program in women's health including prevention.

Leadership

- Elizabeth Burns, M.D., M.A., Leadership Committee Chair, CoE Director, Professor, UND Department of Family Medicine
- Annette Larson, PA-C, MSPAP, Assistant Professor, UND Physician Assistant Program
- Ann Flower, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, UND Department of Microbiology & Immunology
- Bev Johnson, D.Sc., Associate Professor, UND Physical Therapy Department
- Judy Bruce, Director of Faculty Affairs and HIPAA Compliance Officer, UND Office of Faculty Affairs
- Karen Peterson, Instructor, UND Department of Pathology
- LaVonne Fox, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, UND Department of Occupational Therapy
- Renee Mabey, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UND Physical Therapy Department

Leadership Goal

- Develop and implement a “Women’s Health Academic Medicine Leadership Plan for Health Professionals”.

Leadership Projects

- UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences Orientation Manual for Faculty
- Faculty Mentorship Program
- Internship Program for Students

Future Projects

- Formal Mentoring Program for UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences Faculty (Starts Fall 2006)
- Climate Survey of the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences
- Salary Equity Study of the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences

Websites

- www.und.nodak.edu/dept/womenshealth
- www.4woman.gov/coe/
- www.womenshealth.gov

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