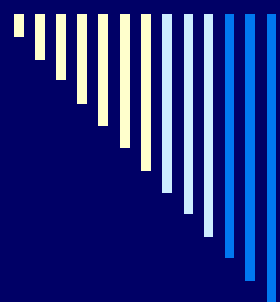


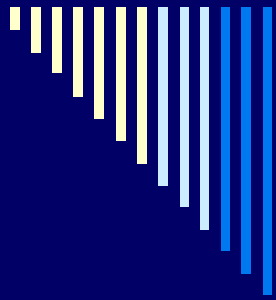
Practice-based Research Networks: Can They Take Us to the Promised Land?

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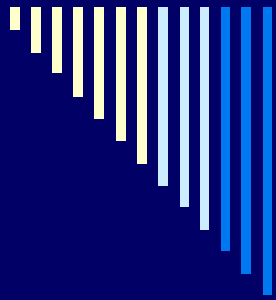
Research In/On Pharmacy Practice (or lessons learned from Clinton I)

- “Where is the evidence that pharmaceutical care makes a difference?”
- The limitations of the RCT mindset
- “*Preventing Medication Errors*” – perceived limitations of available research on minimizing medication problems



Research network efforts in pharmacy

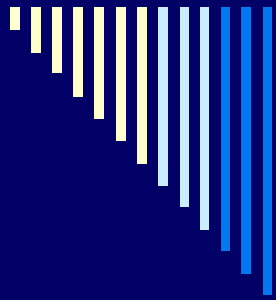
- Project ImPACT – hyperlipidemia and osteoporosis
- Florida's TOM Project
- CPD Pilot
- Asheville replications



What Is a PBRN?

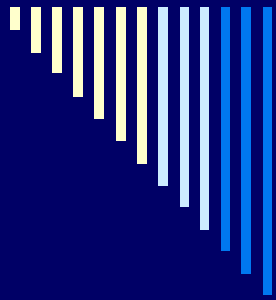
Research conducted by an organized network of clinicians that is

- Grounded in
- Informed by, and
- Intended to improve clinical practice
- Within a relatively short period of time



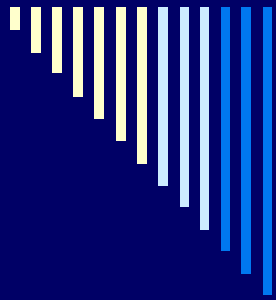
Where Can You Find PBRNs?

- Over 100 established networks funded by federal agencies and other organizations
- Primary care physicians do substantial PBRN activity
- Some existing networks
 - American Academy of Family Physicians
 - IRENE



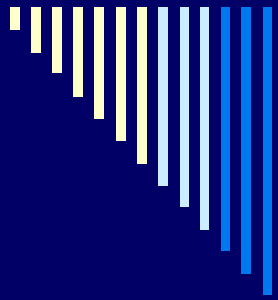
Formal Components of a PBRN

- ❑ A mission and purpose reflecting an ongoing commitment to practice-based research
- ❑ An advisory board that solicits input from communities of patients served by the network clinicians
- ❑ Channels for communication among network participants
- ❑ A director with overall administrative responsibility
- ❑ At least one research support staff



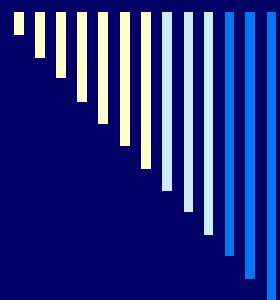
What Kind of Research Is Done?

- ❑ The treatment or prevention of common diseases and symptoms
- ❑ Continuity and coordination of care
- ❑ The nature, characteristics and organization of prescription drug distribution and use
- ❑ The interface between pharmacy practice and other health care providers
- ❑ Decisions made by patients about health practices and the impact on themselves and their family



Challenges and Issues in Building an Effective PBRN

- ❑ Money
- ❑ Practitioner Engagement and Ability
- ❑ Money
- ❑ “Town and Gown” Issues
- ❑ Money
- ❑ Avenues for publication of completed work
- ❑ Money



AACP's Commitment to PBRN

- February 2007 AHRQ-sponsored conference
 - Establish forums and programming for info exchange and collaboration
 - Help seek funding from public and private sources
 - Work with national practice associations to build PBRNs
 - Address publication issues