



The Primary Care Practice-Based Research Network of the Department of Family Medicine
Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy

NEON[®] Affiliation Agreement

Mission

As a partnership of community physician practices, community agencies, and scientists, NEON[®] fosters and facilitates collaborative, interdisciplinary primary care research in order to understand the needs and improve the health of the people of NE Ohio and contribute to the scientific knowledge base.

Vision

Equitable and improved healthcare throughout NE Ohio by translating collaborative research into evidence-based clinical practice.

NEON[®] members must agree to the following guidelines:

- Membership is completely voluntary and members are not required to participate in any specific study. Members will agree in advance before being included in a study.
- Members who agree to participate in a study are expected to follow the study protocol and meet the required deadlines.
- Members may withdraw from NEON[®] at any time. It is preferable that a member not withdraw when active studies are being conducted at their site.
- NEON[®] physician members may be required to become certified in Human Subjects Training; this will be available through the NEON[®] website.
- NEON[®] members are required to complete a membership form to provide information about their training, demographic characteristics, research interests, and experience.
- NEON[®] members will designate one member of their practice as the contact person who will be asked to provide information to characterize the practice; data will be updated annually.
- NEON[®] members will be asked to give NEON[®] access to their data system.

NEON[®] will be responsible for the following:

- Developing areas of research priorities based on the needs, interests, and focus of the northeastern Ohio community and the members of the network.
- Providing resources for researchers and clinicians of the network for the formation of research ideas, development of protocols, implementation of studies, and dissemination of results.
- Creating and maintaining a forum for members of the network to communicate and express research interests, including the dissemination of research findings.
- Managing an electronic data management system and repository that allows for a uniform standard of data collection for research projects utilizing Access, SPSS, and SAS programs.
- Collecting, handling and storing data in accordance with the HIPPA Privacy Rule and Security Rules and as approved by the NEOUCOM IRB.
- Conducting practice-based research studies while being cognizant of the need for minimal disruption to the clinician's practice routine.

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