

## Brief History of NEON<sup>®</sup>

- NEON<sup>®</sup> is the primary care practice-based research network of the Department of Family Medicine at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> was established in 1993 through funding received from a Grant for the Establishment of Departments of Family Medicine. NEON<sup>®</sup> is currently funded by the Department of Family Medicine.
- The administrative support for NEON<sup>®</sup> is provided by the Department of Family Medicine's Office of Research which includes a director, research coordinator, grants administrator, senior research associate, and departmental assistant.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> is governed by an executive committee that is composed of a clinical director, six family medicine residency research directors, a research coordinator, a community representative, and a representative from a medically underserved site.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> membership includes faculty and residents at six family medicine residency sites, eight clinics that provide primary care to the medically underserved, and approximately 20 community-based practices.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> has a strong record of peer-reviewed publications.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> is recognized as a practice-based research network by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality ( [www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov) ) and is a member of the Federation of Practice Based Research Networks ( [www.aafp.org/fpbrn.xml](http://www.aafp.org/fpbrn.xml) ) and the International Federation of Primary Care Research Networks ( [www.ifpcrn.org](http://www.ifpcrn.org) ).
- Many NEON<sup>®</sup> projects receive multidisciplinary support from the Departments of Sociology at Kent State University and The University of Akron.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> engages in collaborative research with its neighbor network, RAP (Research Association of Practices) located at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> members supervise summer research projects that student fellows conduct. Students present their findings at an annual Poster Day at NEOUCOM.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> members supervise an EBM curriculum that is required for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents in our consortium.
- NEON<sup>®</sup> members supervise senior resident research projects which are then presented at an annual Resident Scholarship Day which is held at NEOUCOM each May. There have been 18 of these events sponsored by the Department of Family Medicine.