

## **Participant Reading Assignments**

### **AACP Conference on *Embracing the PBRN Model to Improve the Medication Use Process***

Attendees selected to attend the AACP Conference on *Embracing the PBRN Model to Improve the Medication Use Process* are requested to complete the following reading assignments. These readings are intended to provide all attendees with a comparable baseline of familiarity with issues and efforts related to PBRN research.

1. Green LA, Hickner J. A Short history of Primary Care Practice-based Research Networks: From Concept to Essential Research Laboratories. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 2006; 19(1): 1-10. Article freely accessible at [www.jabfm.org/cgi/reprint/19/1/1](http://www.jabfm.org/cgi/reprint/19/1/1)
2. A supplement to the *Annals of Family Medicine* in July 2005 was devoted to Practice-Based Research Networks. This issue of the *Annals* is freely accessible at [http://www.annfammed.org/content/vol3/suppl\\_1/index.shtml](http://www.annfammed.org/content/vol3/suppl_1/index.shtml).
3. Westfall JM, Mold J, Fagnan L. Practice-based research--"Blue Highways" on the NIH roadmap. *JAMA*. 2007 Jan 24;297(4):403-6. Article available at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/297/4/403>
4. "NIH is beginning to signal its growing recognition of the importance of practice-based research", say several FP leaders. Signs of this increasing valuation include a new type of NIH grant, continuing AAFP discussions with NIH institutes, and a Senate committee report that uses language the AAFP and the Academic Family Medicine Advocacy Alliance recommended." The article can be found at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/clinical-care-research/20070125nihresearch.html>
5. Between 2000 and 2005, AHRQ funded four major competitive grant programs directed at PBRNs. In addition to funding opportunities, AHRQ is supporting PBRNs through a national resource center, an annual national conference, peer learning groups, an electronic PBRN research repository, and a dedicated community extranet. To learn more about AHRQ's interest and support of practice based research networks, visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/pbrn/pbrnfact.htm#FAQs>
6. In carrying out their study on medication errors, the IOM committee identified enormous gaps in the knowledge base with regard to medication errors and proposes a research agenda to address these and other knowledge gaps. This is a potential opportunity for PBRNs. The Executive Summary of the *National Academy of Sciences Report on Medication Errors: Quality Chasm Series* can be found at [http://books.nap.edu/execsumm\\_pdf/11623.pdf](http://books.nap.edu/execsumm_pdf/11623.pdf)