



# **Integrating Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH) therapies into US Hospitals:**

## **The Role of Practice Based Research in Guiding the Field**

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# What is known about current use of CIH in the US?

- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)- 2012
- 34,500 respondents corresponds to 226 million American adults
- 32.3% report using some form of CIH (73 million)
- 2007- 35.5%
- 2002- 33.2%

Clarke TC, Black LI, Stussman BJ, et al. Trends in the use of complementary health approaches among adults: United States, 2002–2012. National health statistics reports; no 79. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2015.

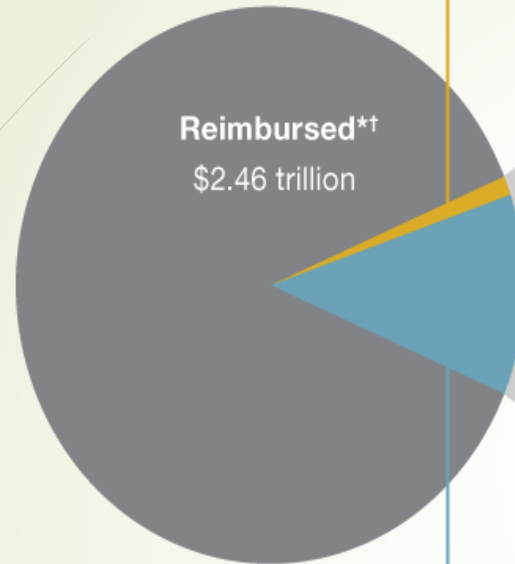
# NHIS Survey 2012 - Costs

- ➡ 59 million adults (26%) spend out of pocket.
- ➡ \$30.2 Billion USD.
- ➡ 9% of all out of pocket spending on healthcare

Nahin RL, Barnes PM, Stussman BJ. [Expenditures on complementary health approaches: United States, 2012.](#) (433KB PDF) *National Health Statistics Reports*. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2016.

**Complementary Health  
Approaches Out-of-Pocket**

\$30.2 billion



**Reimbursed\*\*†**  
\$2.46 trillion

**Conventional Out-of-Pocket\***  
\$328.8 billion

**Physician Visits\***  
\$49.6 billion

**Complementary  
Practitioner Visits**  
\$14.7 billion

**Self-Care  
Purchases†**  
\$2.7 billion

**Nonvitamin, Nonmineral  
Natural Products**  
\$12.8 billion

**Prescription Drugs\***  
\$54.1 billion

**Other Conventional Care\*\***  
\$225.1 billion

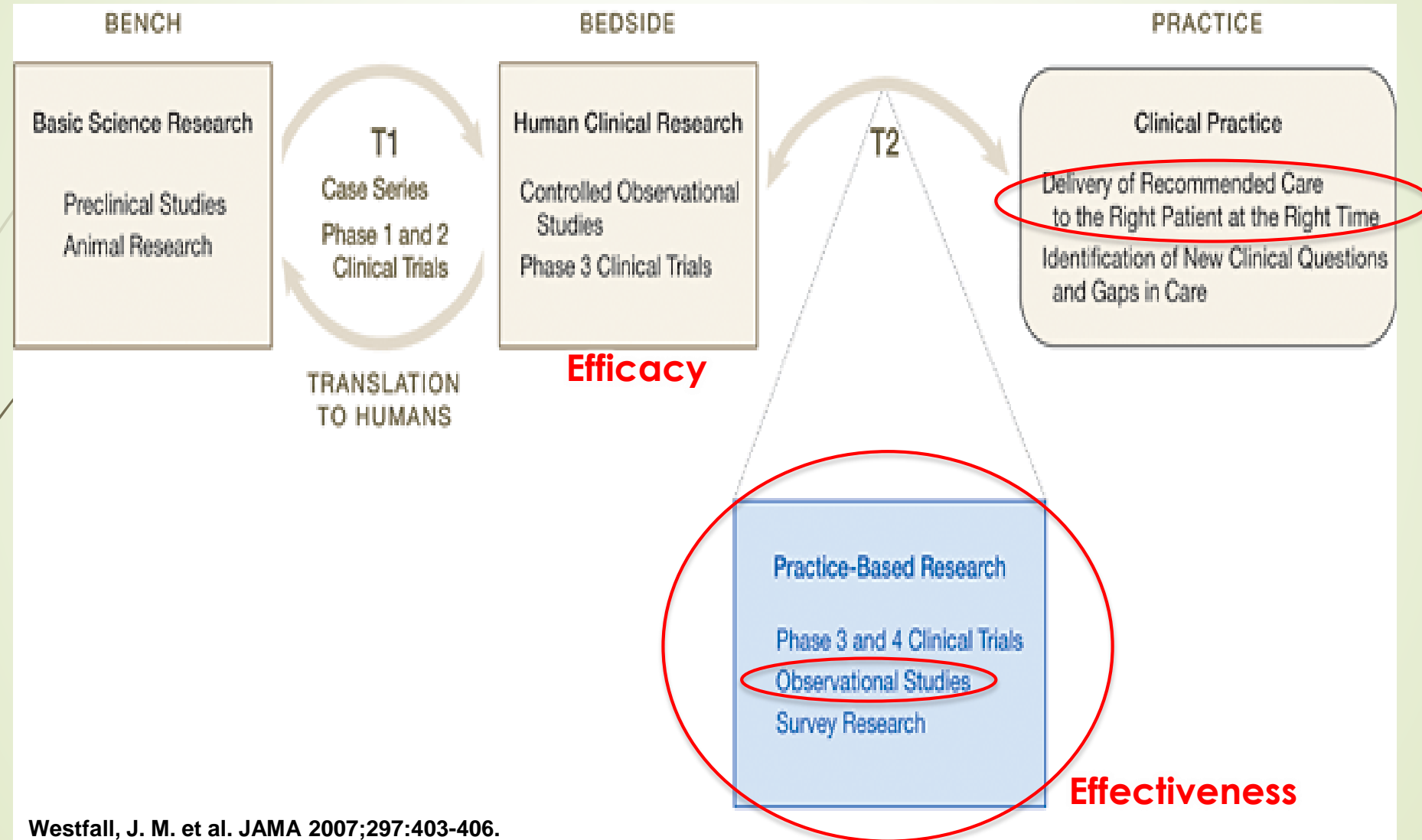
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# NHIS Survey 2012 - Pain

- 126 million adults (56%) report some type of pain in prior 3 months.
- 40 million (18%) have severe pain.
- 25 million adults (11%) report daily pain.

Nahin RL. [Estimates of pain prevalence and severity in adults: United States, 2012.](#)  
*Journal of Pain.* 2015;16(8):769-780.

# Observational Research



Westfall, J. M. et al. JAMA 2007;297:403-406.

**JAMA**

# What is Practiced-based research?

- ➡ Practice-based research occurs in the office, clinic or hospital, where patients generally receive clinical care.

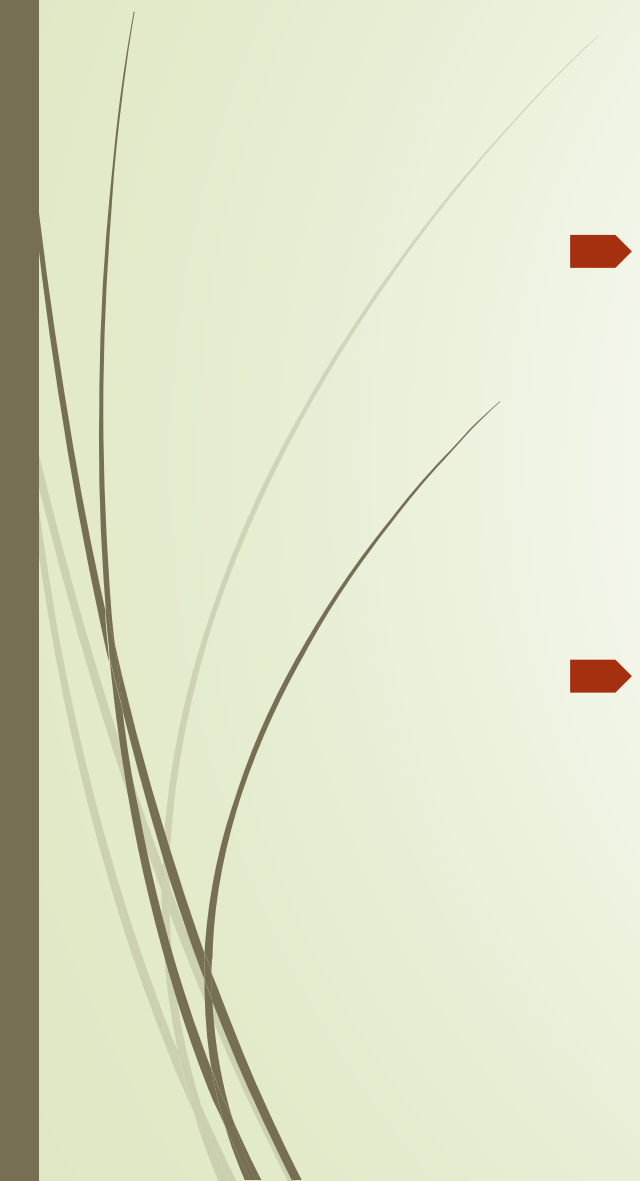
Practice-based research can

- demonstrate whether interventions with proven efficacy are truly effective and sustainable when provided in real-world setting; and
- provide the “laboratory” for testing system improvements to maximize the number of patients who benefit from medical discovery.





## Two examples of PBR in practice

- Integrative Medicine provided at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW)
  - BraveNet Practice Based Research Network
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# Effectiveness of CIH

- CIH provided at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW)
  - 630 bed tertiary care hospital
  - Penny George Institute (PGI) started providing IM services in 2003
    - 10,000 IM sessions annually.
    - Average 31 minutes per session
    - 1.5 sessions per hospital admission

# CIH Care and Practitioners

## ➡ Patients receive individualized CIH including:


- Acupuncture, acupressure
- therapeutic medical massage, reflexology
- mind/body therapies (e.g. relaxation response)
- energy healing (e.g. Reiki, healing touch)
- music therapy
- aromatherapy

## ➡ 15 practitioners (11.5 FTEs) (circa 2016)

- 6.3 FTE massage therapists
- 3.5 FTE acupuncturists
- 0.9 FTE music therapist
- 0.8 FTE Nursing



# CIH: Process

- Physician or nurse referrals via EPIC electronic health record (EHR)
    - AQ must be referred by MD
  - Triage Meeting of CIH providers
  - EHR review by CIH provider
  - CIH Treatment Session (24-36 hrs)
    - Intake
    - Baseline data collection (e.g., pain, anxiety, nausea, coping)
    - CIH therapy
    - Follow-up data collection
  - CIH provider documents the results
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# National Institute of Health grant: 2011-2016

Project Number: 5R01AT006518-03  
Title: EFFECT OF COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE ON PAIN  
AMONG INPATIENTS

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## Abstract Text:

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): Effective and safe pain management is a major health priority for the US healthcare system. Pharmaceutical interventions remain the primary approach to pain management, despite their well documented risk of adverse events, potential for addiction, and adverse impact on recovery if used excessively. Nowhere is this more evident than in the post-operative period where roughly 80% of patients report moderate to severe pain after surgery even after receiving pharmaceutical interventions. In inpatient settings, finding an effective non-pharmacologic intervention to augment narcotic medications would be a significant benefit. National surveys indicate that complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) interventions are currently used by 15% of American hospitals. Most often, these therapies are employed to address specific unmet clinical needs, the most frequent of which is pain. Eleven clinical trials have demonstrated the efficacy of CAM therapies to reduce pain (short- and long-term) in hospitalized patients along with traditional pharmaceutical interventions. Generating additional evidence of the effectiveness of these therapies for pain relief would advance knowledge and potentially affect practice patterns. In a preliminary study, we retrospectively studied 1,837 patients who received CAM therapies at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. We found an average reduction in immediate pain of 56% and roughly 33% reported complete pain relief after the initial CAM visit. We recognize inadequacies of this study that limit both our knowledge of how adjunctive CAM therapies are implemented in hospitals and the effect of various CAM therapies on pain management, which can only be answered with prospective data collection. Using a prospective, **observational** design, we propose a large scale study to build on this exploratory work. It will document predictors of CAM referral, service delivery, and therapy selection for pain management. It will also examine the impact of CAM therapies as adjuncts to traditional interventions on short and long-term changes in pain across clinical groups in a hospital setting. The setting for this study of CAM is the Penny George Institute for Health and Healing at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. The George Institute is uniquely suited for this work as it is the nation's largest inpatient CAM program serving over 19,000 patients since 2004. The proposed study has 3 aims: 1) quantitatively describe a model for delivering CAM therapies to understand selection of patients and CAM therapies for pain management, 2) examine the effects of selected CAM therapies on immediate change in pain, and 3) examine the effects of selected CAM therapies on duration of pain change. Positive results from this study will assist hospitals in the integration of usual care and CAM therapy for pain reduction. Findings may also drive future research on the cost effectiveness of these therapies for pain management, as well as impact on patient outcomes such as length of stay and use of narcotics.





# R01 Aims:

- ▶ Aim 1: Understand selection of patients and IM therapies (n=~6,000 admissions)
- ▶ Aim 2: Examine the effects of therapies on immediate change in pain (n=~6,000 admissions)
- ▶ Aim 3: Examine the effects on duration of pain management (n=3,575 admissions)

# Status of NIH R01

- Assembled a database: 7/09 to 12/12
  - Electronic Health Record (EHR) flowsheet developed
  - Focus on certain clinical populations.
    - Total joint replacement, oncology, and cardiology.
    - Proof of concept: acupuncture in the Emergency Dept.
- Study data collection: 7/12 to 12/14
  - Databases undergoing final analyses.
  - Analyses & manuscripts: 2017.

# Joint Replacement: Pain Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy percent decrease in pain scores

Any Treatment	No.	1,977
	Unit Decrease in Pain	-1.91 (-45.2%)
	95% CI	(1.83-1.99)
	p-value	<0.001



# Oncology: Pain and Anxiety Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy change in pain and anxiety scores

No. Pain Observations	1,514
% Change in Pain	-46.9
p-value	<0.001

No. Anxiety Observations	1,074
% Change in Anxiety	-56.1
p-value	<0.001

# Cardiovascular: Pain and Anxiety Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy percent decrease in pain and anxiety scores

No. Pain Obs	5,981
% Decrease in Pain	-46.5
95% CI	(45.5 – 47.4)
p-value	<0.001
No. Anxiety Obs	3,109
% Decrease in Anxiety	-54.8
95% CI	(53.7 – 55.9)
p-value	<0.001

# Acupuncture in an Outpatient Clinic



- Spacious
- Relaxed
- Quiet  
Instrumental  
Music
- Softly Lit
- Pleasant  
Smelling

# Pilot: Acupuncture in the Emergency Room



- Cramped
- Stressful
- Loud Screaming and Beeping
- Brightly Lit
- Offensive Smelling

# Acupuncture in Emergency Dept

Pre- to post-treatment percent decrease in pain scores

AQ + Pain	No. Obs	167
Medications	Unit and % decrease	- 2.40 (-36.6%)
(pre 7.1)	p-value	<0.001
AQ Alone	No. Obs	143
	Unit and % decrease	-2.53 (-33.1%)
(pre 7.6)	p-value	<0.001



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- 62% of “Acupuncture Only” patients were discharged from the ED without receiving any pain medications
- 25% received an opioid medication
- 13% received an analgesic medication

# Publications



Pain Medicine 2015; 16: 1195-1203  
Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

## Acupuncture Provides Short-Term Pain Relief for Patients in a Total Joint Replacement Program

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## Effects of Integrative Medicine on Pain and Anxiety Among Oncology Inpatients

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**Background** Few studies have investigated the effectiveness of integrative medicine (IM) therapies on pain and anxiety among oncology inpatients.

**Methods** Retrospective data obtained from electronic medical records identified patients with an oncology International Classification of Diseases-9 code who were admitted to a large Midwestern hospital between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012. Outcomes were change in patient-reported pain and anxiety, rated before and after individual IM treatment sessions, using a numeric scale (0–10).

**Results** Of 10948 hospital admissions over the study period, 1833 (17%) included IM therapy. Older patients had reduced odds of receiving any IM therapy (odds ratio [OR]: 0.97, 95% confidence interval [95% CI] = 0.96 to 0.98) and females had 63% (OR: 1.63, 95% CI = 1.38 to 1.92) higher odds of receiving any IM therapy compared with males. Moderate (OR: 1.97, 95% CI = 1.61 to 2.41), major (OR: 3.54, 95% CI = 2.88 to 4.35), and extreme (OR: 5.96, 95% CI = 4.71 to 7.56) illness severity were significantly associated with higher odds of receiving IM therapy compared with admissions of minor illness severity. After receiving IM therapy, patients averaged a 46.9% (95% CI = 45.1% to 48.6%,  $P < .001$ ) reduction in pain and a 56.1% (95% CI = 54.3% to 58.0%,  $P < .001$ ) reduction in anxiety. Bodywork and traditional Chinese Medicine therapies were most effective for reducing pain, while no significant differences among therapies for reducing anxiety were observed.

**Conclusions** IM services to oncology inpatients resulted in substantial decreases in pain and anxiety. Observational studies using electronic medical records provide unique information about real-world utilization of IM. Future studies are warranted and should explore potential synergy of opioid analgesics and IM therapy for pain control.

J Natl Cancer Inst Monogr 2014;50:330-337

Pain is a common, often debilitating symptom of cancer and a The evidence base for integrative oncology among inpatients

Johnson et al BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine 2014, 14:486  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6882/14/486>



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Open Access

## The effectiveness of integrative medicine interventions on pain and anxiety in cardiovascular inpatients: a practice-based research evaluation

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## Original Research Article

## Acceptability, Adaptation, and Clinical Outcomes of Acupuncture Provided in the Emergency Department: A Retrospective Pilot Study

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**Design.** Observational, retrospective pilot study.

**Setting.** Abbott Northwestern Hospital ED, Minneapolis, MN.

**Methods.** Retrospective data was used to identify patients receiving acupuncture in addition to standard medical care in the ED between 11/1/13 and 12/31/14. Feasibility was measured by quantifying the utilization of acupuncture in a novel setting and performing limited tests of its efficacy. Patient-reported pain and anxiety scores were collected by the acupuncturist using an 11-point (0–10) numeric rating scale before (pre) and immediately after (post) acupuncture. Efficacy outcomes were change in pain and anxiety scores.

**Results.** During the study period, 436 patients were referred for acupuncture, 279 of whom were approached by the acupuncturist during their ED visit. Consent for acupuncture was obtained from 89% (248/279). A total of 182 patients, who had a pre-pain score >0 and non-missing anxiety scores, were included in analyses. Of the 52% (94/182) who did not have analgesics before or during the acupuncture session, the average decrease of 2.37 points (95% CI: 1.92, 2.83) was not different ( $p > 0.05$ ) than the mean decrease of 2.68 points for those receiving analgesics (95% CI 2.21, 3.15). The average pre-anx-



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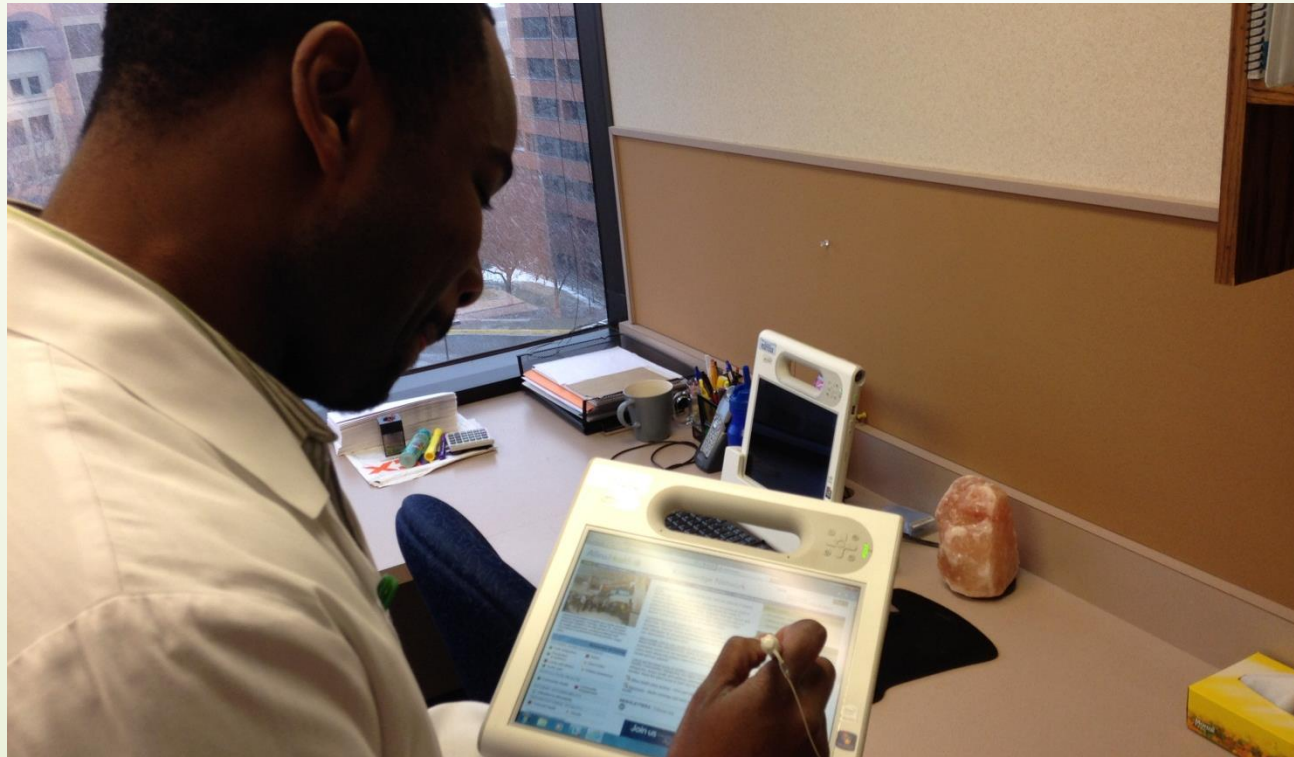


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# Methods

- Collect six post-therapy pain scores:
  - 30 minutes
  - 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 hours



Current User: Ali Kolste

Version 1-1 Beta

## Study Referral

View: Add new only

View Schedule

Intake Patient

Run Reports

Setup Users

System Tools

Exit System

## Patient Information

Date: 2/18/2013  
Time of Referral: 4:59 PM  
Practitioner: Kim  
Patient's Last Name: Kolste  
Patient's First Name: Alison  
Patient Room #: H4000  
Pre-Therapy Pain Score: 5  
Therapy Session End Time: 3:59 PM  
Patient's MRN: 1000000000  
Patient's HAR: 9000000

## Eligibility:

Research form = Yes ☒  
18 years or older ☒  
English speaking ☒  
Pre-Therapy pain score  $\geq 1$  ☒  
Therapy between 9 AM - 4 PM ☒  
No 3 previous declines ☒  
No hard decline ☒  
No 2nd call same day ☒  
Maximum 6 visits same HAR ☒  
Patient Is Eligible? Yes

Isolation precautions ☐ ID: 8  
Nurse Contacted ☐ Has edits ☐  
Research Assistant Assigned: Unassigned

Schedule Timepoints Save w/o Schedule

## Current Interview Status:

Next Interview Time:  
Interview Status: New  
DELETE THIS INTAKE ☐

Intake Notes:

## Interview Results

Edit Results...

	30 Min		1 Hour		2 Hours		3 Hours		4 Hours		5 Hours	
Consent?:	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx
Unknown												
Scheduled Time												
Arrived Time												

Record: 1 of 1 Unfiltered Search

Patient first name and optional middle initial

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5:07 PM  
2/18/2013

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## Master Schedule

Refresh



## Timepoints

Interviewer Next Time Room Patient

Testing 2:00 PM W3500 Duck

Testing 2:40 PM H8000 Mous

Testing 2:42 PM E3000 Duck



## Unassigned Pa

Interviewer Next Time Room Patient

## Interview Results Popup

## Record Interview Results

Patient: Duck, Daisy - Interview Timepoint: 1 hour

Pain

5

Anxiety

5

Nurse Contacted?

Who was in the room during

☐ Physician☐ Family☐ Nurse☐ Other

Notes for this interview:

Intake Notes (shared across all interviews)

Save

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- Consent withdrawn
- Other (specify reason)
- Patient discharged
- Patient out of room
- Patient sleeping
- Patient unavailable
- Research unavailable
- Unable to ascertain

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Tools

Exit System

Hours	4 Hours	5 Hours	
Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx

Intake Notes?

No

View...

No

View...

No

View...

Anxiety interview result

Num Lock

2:07 PM  
2/19/2013



Current User: Ali Kolste

Version 1-1 Beta

## Study Referral

View: Session end Today

View Schedule

Intake Patient

Run Reports

Setup Users

System Tools

Exit System

## Patient Information

Date: 2/19/2013  
Time of Referral: 1:04 PM  
Practitioner: Kelly  
Patient's Last Name: Mouse  
Patient's First Name: Mickey  
Patient Room #: H8000  
Pre-Therapy Pain Score: 8  
Therapy Session End Time: 12:40 PM  
Patient's MRN: 2000000000  
Patient's HAR: 8000000

## Eligibility:

Research form = Yes ☒  
18 years or older ☒  
English speaking ☒  
Pre-Therapy pain score  $\geq 1$  ☒  
Therapy between 9 AM - 4 PM ☒  
No 3 previous declines ☒  
No hard decline ☒  
No 2nd call same day ☒  
Maximum 6 visits same HAR ☒  
Patient Is Eligible? Yes

Isolation precautions ☒

ID: 11

Nurse Contacted ☒Has edits ☐

Research Assistant Assigned: Testing

Schedule Timepoints

Save w/o Schedule

## Current Interview Status:

Next Interview Time: 5:48 PM

Interview Status: Complete

DELETE THIS INTAKE ☐

Intake Notes: Wants to sleep for 2 hours

## Interview Results

Edit Results...

	30 Min		1 Hour		2 Hours		3 Hours		4 Hours		5 Hours	
Consent?:	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx	Pain	Anx
Yes	Missed	Missed	6	8	Missed	Missed	Missed	Missed	Missed	Missed	4	8
Scheduled Time	1:10 PM		1:40 PM		2:40 PM		3:40 PM		4:40 PM		5:40 PM	
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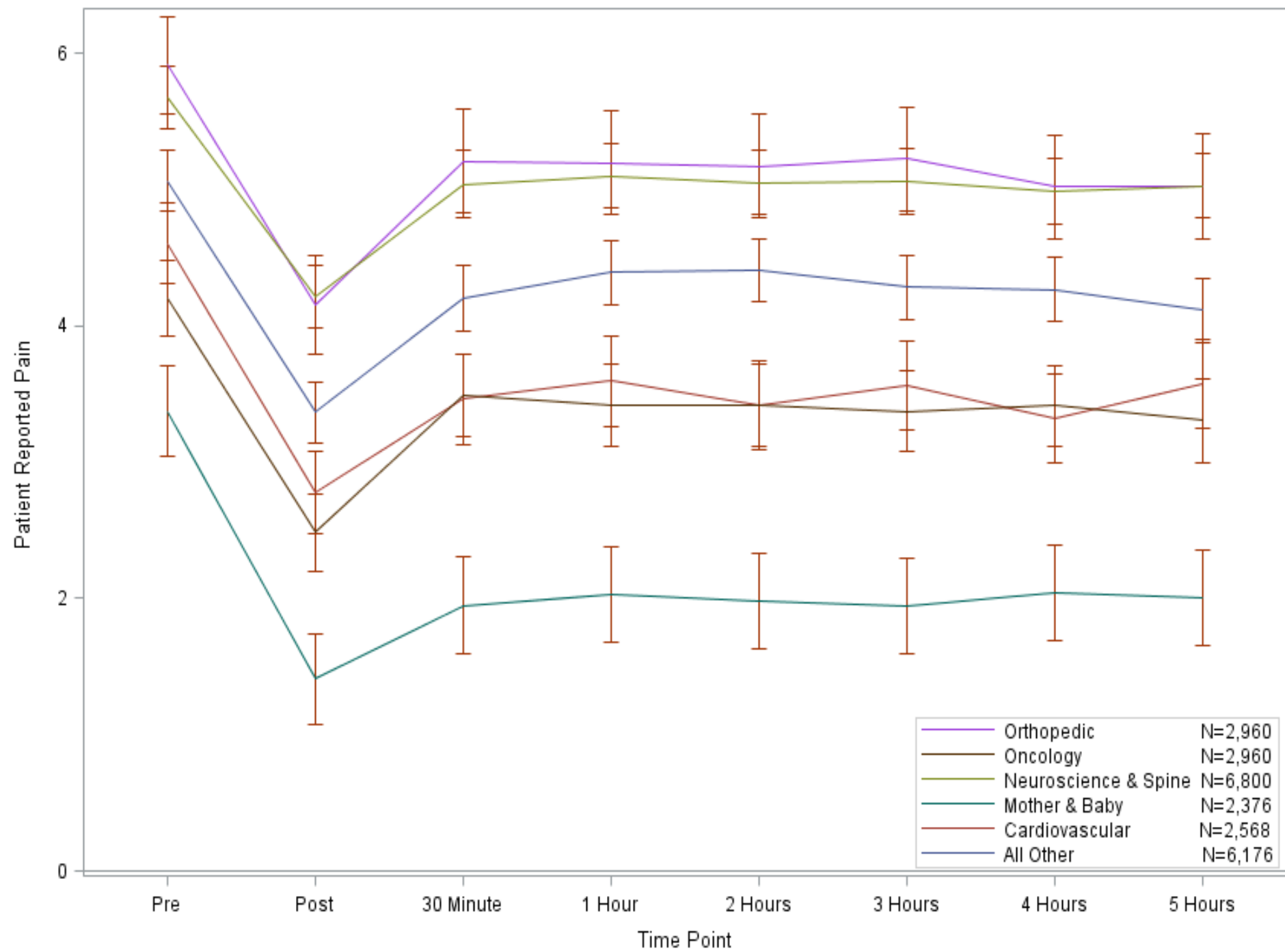
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5:50 PM

2/19/2013





# Conclusions

- Results provide evidence that CIH therapies substantially reduce both short-term pain and anxiety among various inpatients.
- Future studies are warranted and could explore:
  - Which treatments are most effective for a given population.
  - Potential synergy of opioid analgesics and IM therapy.
  - Longer-term effects of IM on pain and anxiety.
  - Cost effectiveness of IM therapy for inpatients.

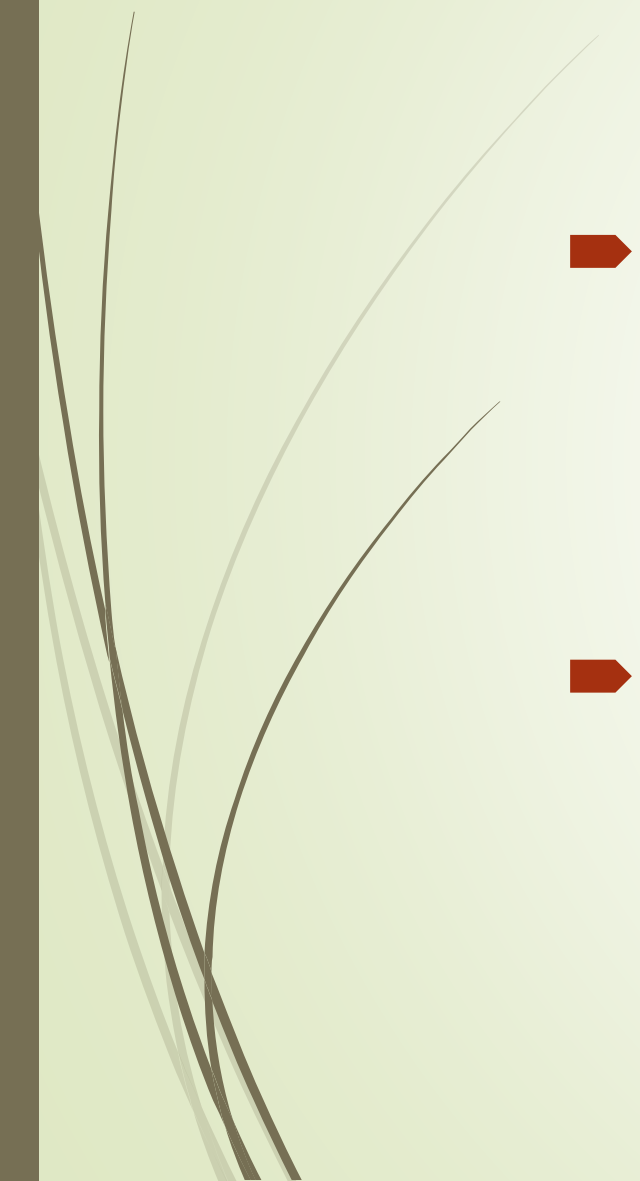
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## Two examples of PBR in practice

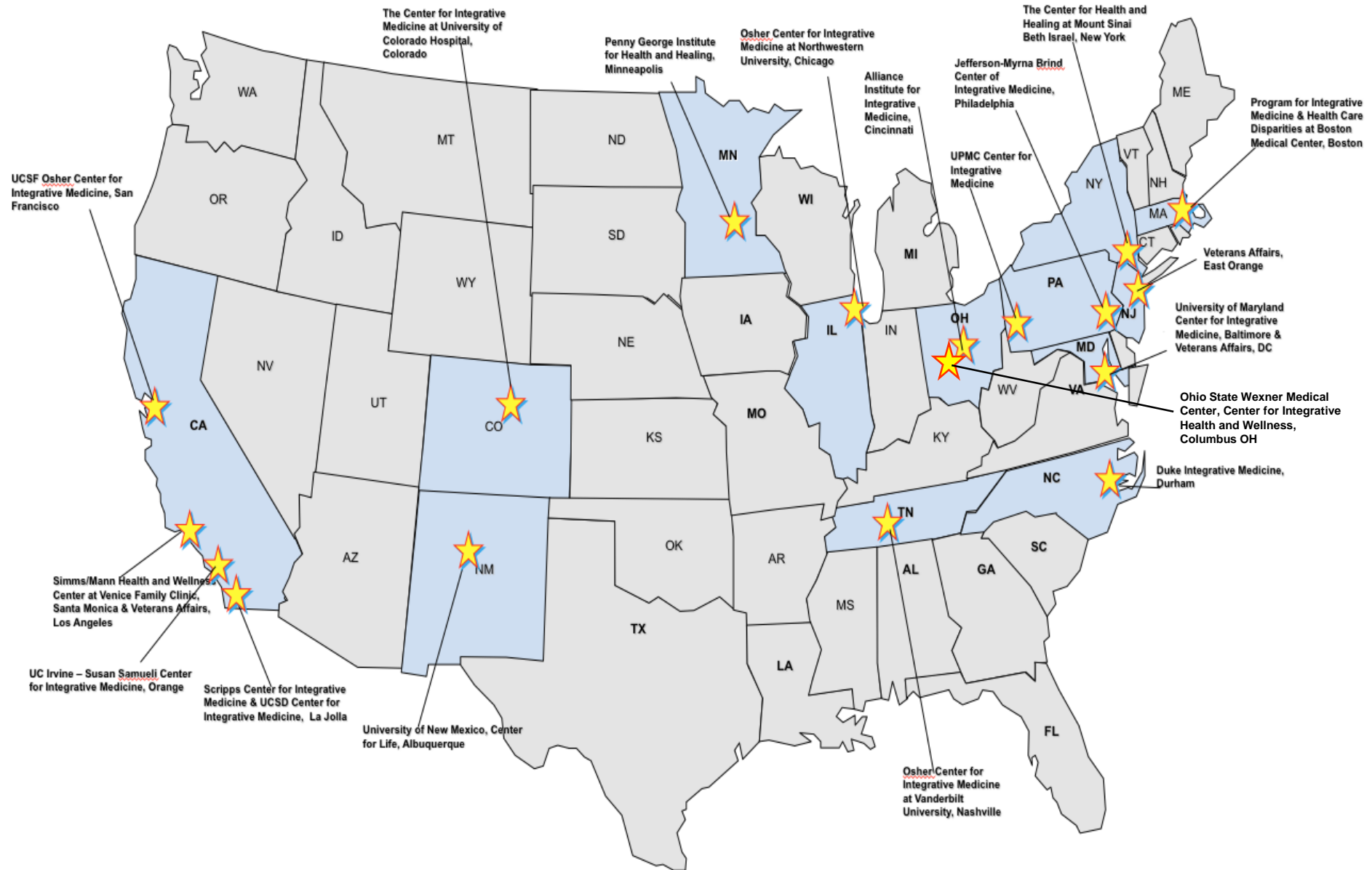
- Integrative Medicine provided at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW)
  - BraveNet Practice Based Research Network
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# About BraveNet

- BraveNet is a national practice-based research network comprised of 18 member CIH clinics plus VAMC (3 sites)
- Founded in 2007
- Expanded in two waves of enrollment from 8 initial member sites to 18
- Expansion focus:
  - Ethnic, racial, and economic diversity
  - Actively funded researchers
  - Geographic range

# BraveNet Member Practices





# Completed Research Projects

- BraveNet Multi-Center Integrative Medicine Survey (Registry Study)
  - 4,180 subjects, one visit (Explore, 2012 and 2015)
- BraveNet Multi-Center Study on Integrative Medicine Treatment Approaches for Pain (SIMTAP)
  - 400 subject target, four visits with 24 weeks follow-up, and includes laboratory testing
  - 252 participants completed four study visits and contributed to final analysis (BMC CAM, 2013 and Integrative Cancer Therapies, 2014)



# BraveNet Publications

## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### PATIENTS SEEK INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE FOR PREVENTIVE APPROACH TO OPTIMIZE HEALTH

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## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE PATIENTS HAVE HIGH STRESS, PAIN, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS

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## Brief Report

### Characteristics of Cancer Patients Presenting to an Integrative Medicine Practice-Based Research Network

Integrative Cancer Therapies  
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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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### The BraveNet prospective observational study on integrative medicine treatment approaches for pain

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## Newest Study: PRIMIER

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STUDY PROTOCOL

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## Patients Receiving Integrative Medicine Effectiveness Registry (PRIMIER) of the BraveNet practice-based research network: study protocol

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# PRIMER OBJECTIVES



## PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the change in patient-reported outcomes (e.g. quality of life, mood and stress) over time



## SECONDARY OBJECTIVE

To evaluate whether patient-reported outcomes differ by baseline characteristics of the participants (e.g. demographics, clinical condition, patient activation measure score or intervention sought)



## PRIMIER MEASURES- Patient Reported via Redcap

- Patient Demographics
- PROMIS 29
- PROMIS Perceived Stress Scale (PSS-4)
- Patient Activation Measure © (PAM)
- Self Reported Conditions and Symptoms
- Self Reported CIH Services Used



## Chronic Pain Cohort

- Report **pain** (4 or greater on a scale of 0 to 10) for 3 months or longer
- Baseline data plus at least one follow up survey



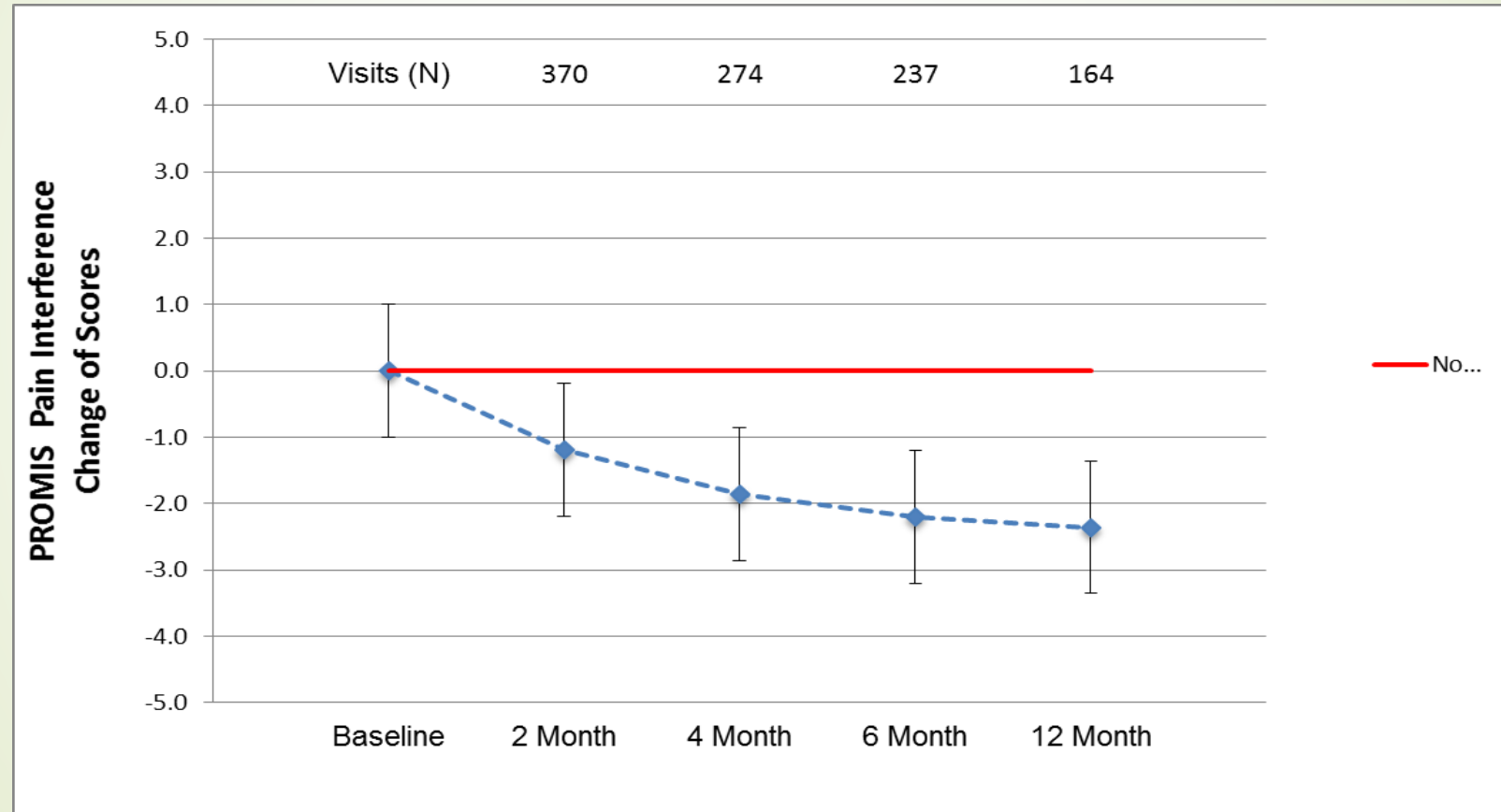


## PROMIS Baseline - Chronic Pain Cohort

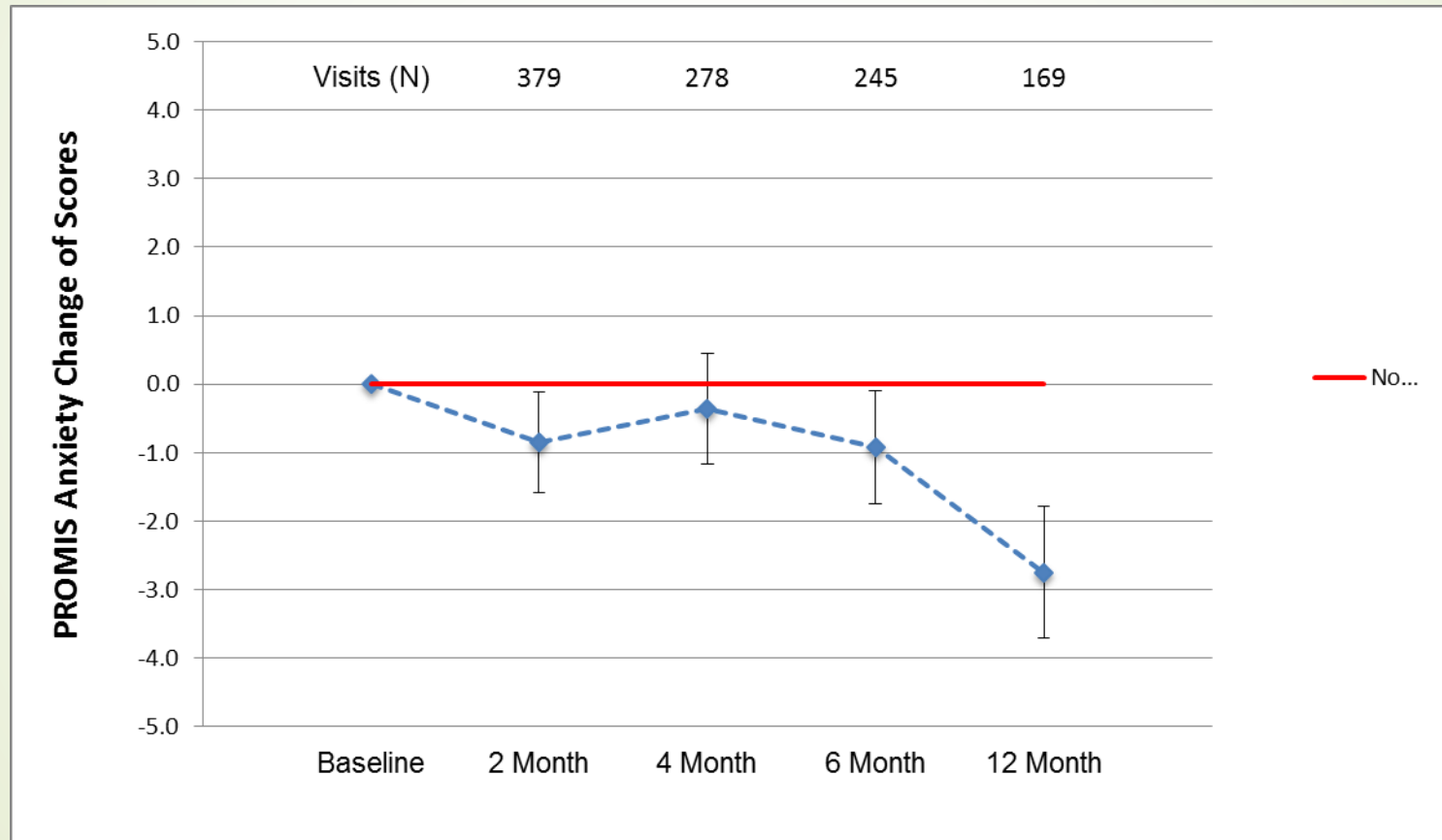
- Pain Interference (0\*-100) mean 60.5 (sd 7.5)
- Anxiety (0\*-100) mean 57.6 (sd 8.6)
- Depression (0\*-100) mean 53.8 (sd 8.7)

\* Lower score better health; \*\* higher score better health

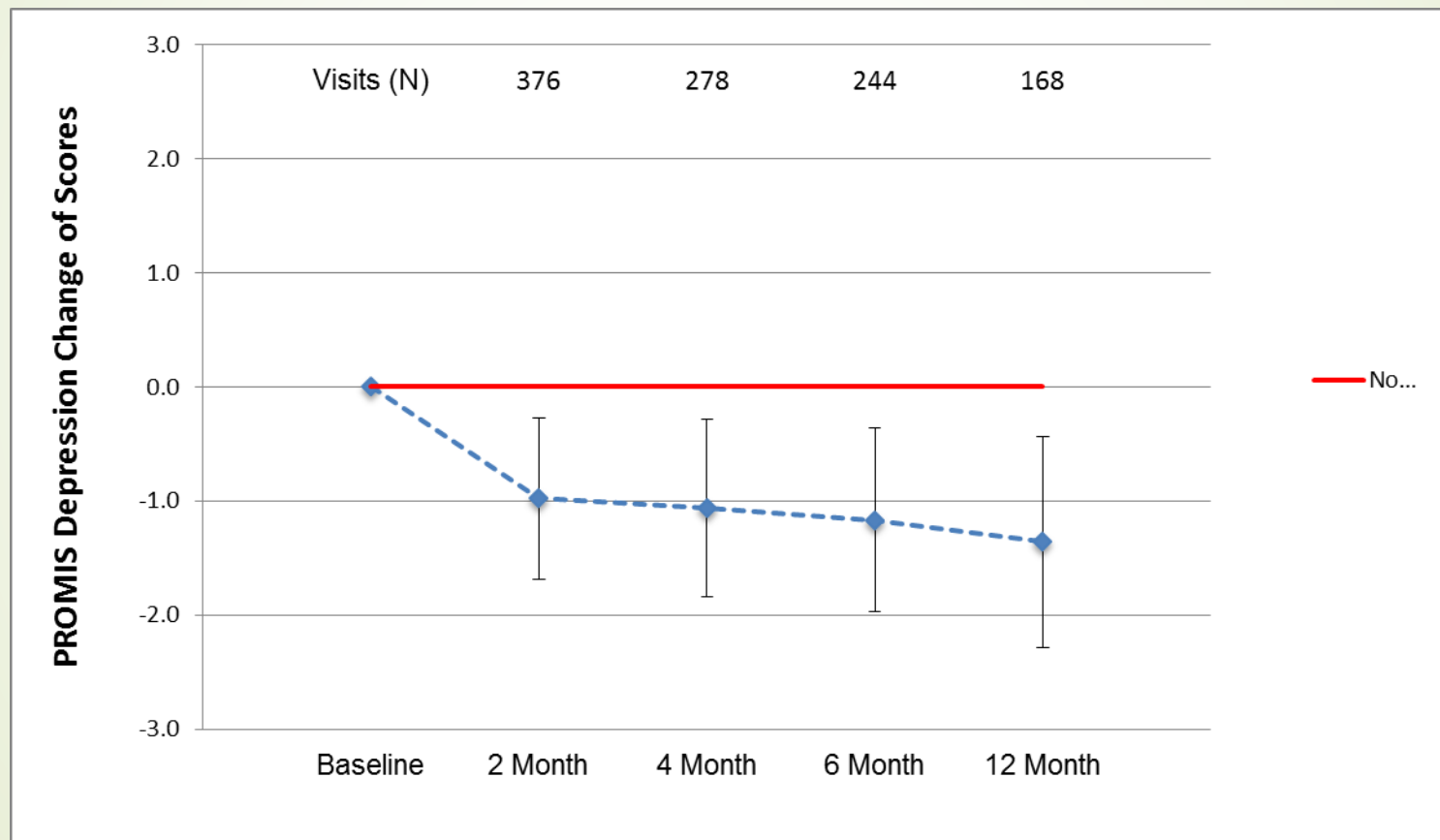
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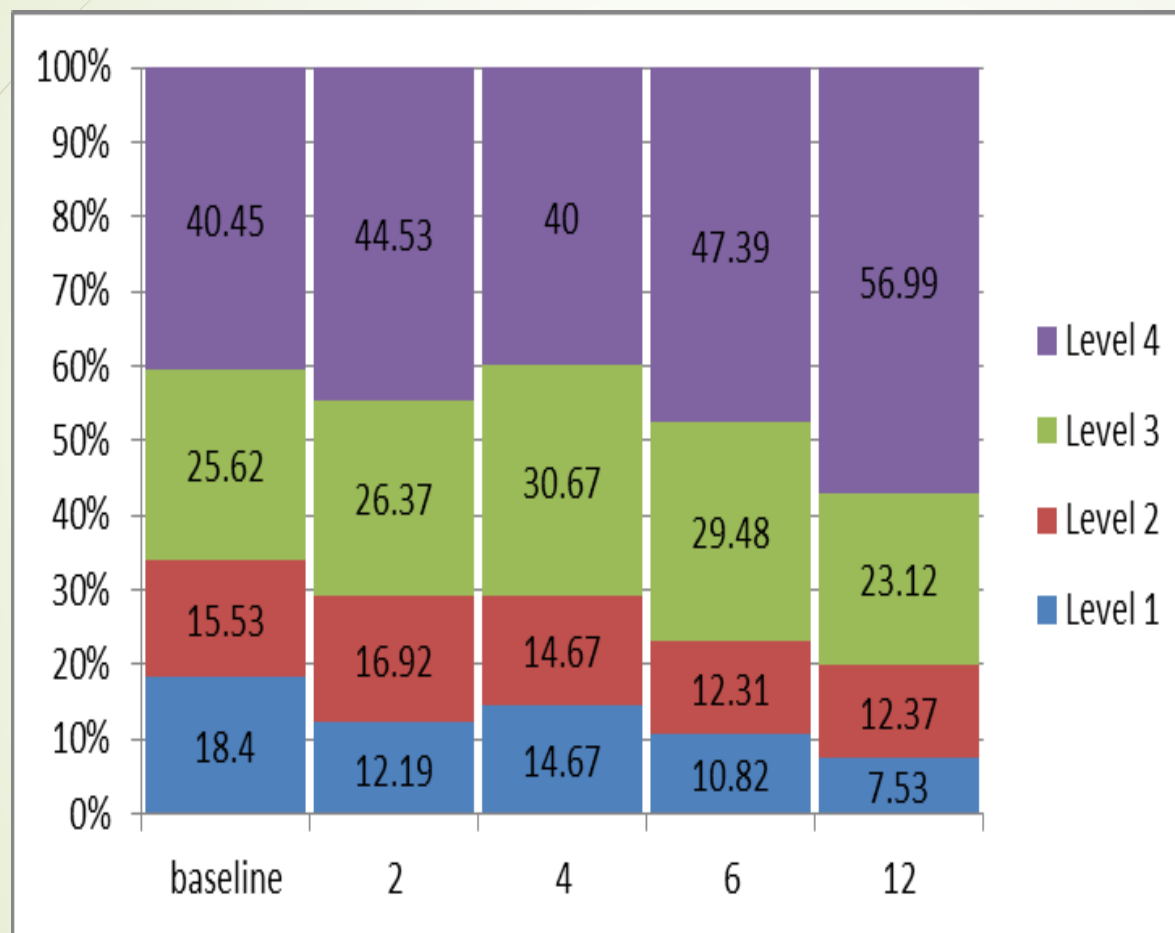
# PROMIS Anxiety



# PROMIS Depression



# Patient Activation Measure



**Level 1- Does not believe has active or important role**  
(↓ 13%)

**Level 2- Lacks knowledge and confidence to act**  
(↓ 20%)

**Level 3- Beginning to take action**  
(↓ 9%)

**Level 4- Maintaining behavior over time**  
(↑ 41%)



# Conclusions


- Current PRIMIER results demonstrate a capacity to recruit and retain patients.
- PRIMIER Chronic pain cohort achieved important reductions in pain interference, but the enrollment is continuing.
- Using EHR extracts in the next months will allow exploring which treatments, and dosing have the biggest impact on outcomes.

# BraveNet Member Practices

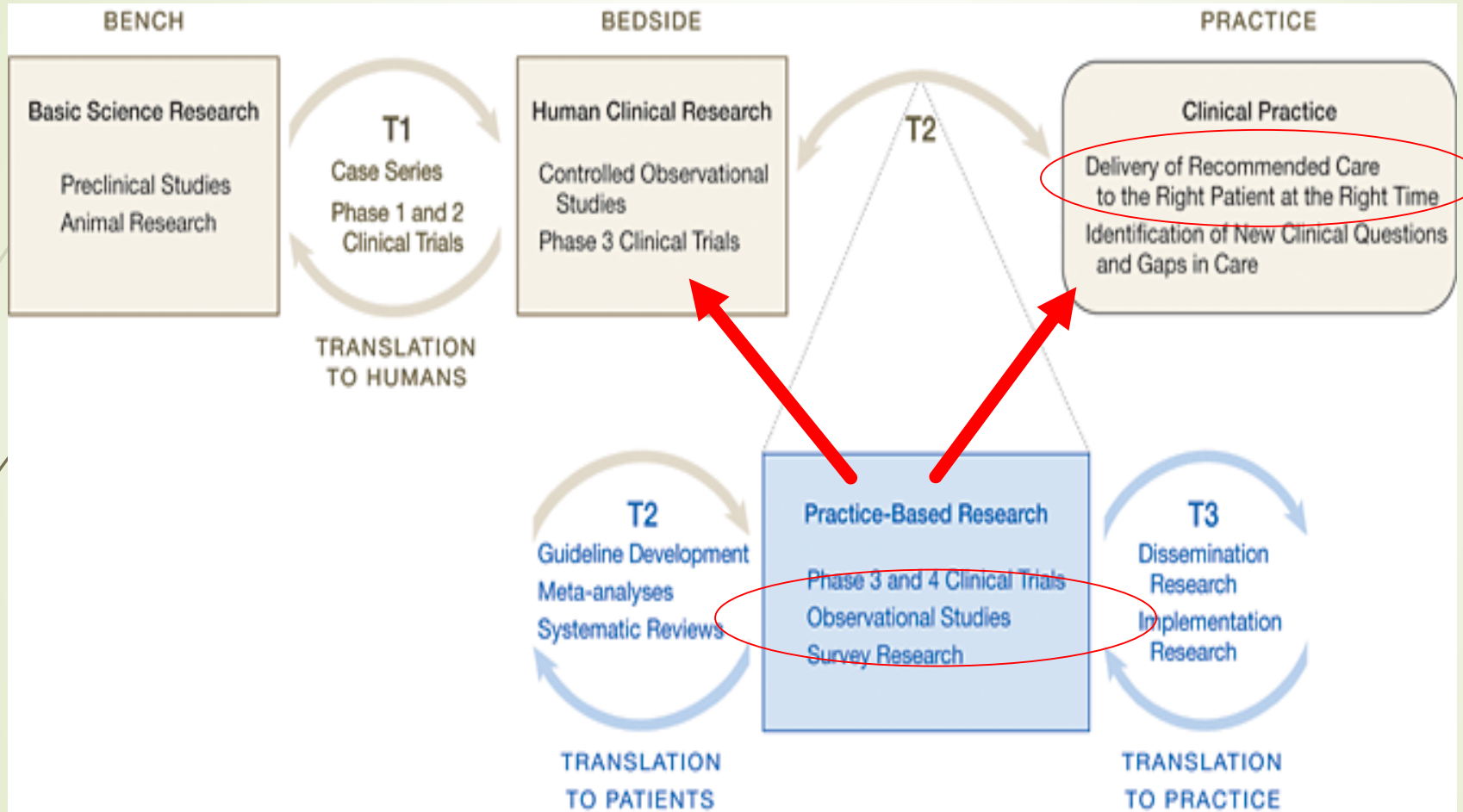
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- San Diego, CA - Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine
- San Diego, CA - UCSD Center for Integrative Medicine
- Venice, CA - Venice Family Clinic, Simm/Mann Health and Wellness Center
- Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinics- DC, GLA, EO



# Summary: Practice-Based Research

- Practice based research provides invaluable information for the field of complementary and integrative health
  - Answers derived from this research can be used in various ways
    - Inform future randomized trials
    - Inform clinical practice
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# Practice-based Research



# 2016 NIH, NCCIH Systematic Review

SYMPOSIUM ON PAIN MEDICINE



## Evidence-Based Evaluation of Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Management in the United States

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Based on a "preponderance" of positive vs negative trials, complementary approaches that may offer pain relief include acupuncture and yoga for back pain; acupuncture and tai chi for osteoarthritis of the knee; massage therapy for neck pain; and relaxation techniques for severe headaches and migraine.

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“At the end of the day, if an approach is successful you’ll be able to generalize it more to everyone with the disease, versus a very small cohort of individuals,” Nahin added.





Questions?