

Information about the Research Study

Survey of Federally-Qualified Health Centers' Research Participation: Activities and Needs
IRB #071134

You are invited to participate in a research study under the direction of Dr. Peter Shin of the Department of Health Policy, George Washington University (GWU), and paid for by the National Institutes of Health, Clinical and Translational Science Awards. Taking part in this research is entirely voluntary.

The purpose of this study is to the research needs and interests of health centers and the extent to which they are engaged in research activities on their own or in collaboration with academic or other partners. Your input will be used to:

- **Advocate for funding opportunities** to support health center and community-engaged research;
- Inform policies that **promote health centers' presence** in federally-supported research endeavors;
- **Develop training and resources** to augment health center research activities;
- **Facilitate research collaborations** among health centers or health centers and other research entities (universities, industries, etc.); and
- Enhance mechanisms that **translate and disseminate research in order to rapidly improve community health.**

If you choose to take part in this study, you will be asked to respond to an online survey that has been prepared by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and the Clinical and Translational Institute at Children's National (CTSI-CN), a joint effort by the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) and the George Washington University. The survey, which is being administered and managed by NACHC, focuses on your health center's organizational capacity and infrastructure to conduct research. The total amount of time you will spend in connection with this study is 5-15 minutes. You may refuse to answer any of the questions and you may stop your participation in this study at any time.

Possible risks or discomforts you could experience during this study include: *There is minimal risk to participating health centers related to participation in this survey. Your information will be kept confidential and all findings will be provided in the aggregate. The survey will ask you if you wish to share your information with PCAs and HCCNs for purposes of their technical assistance to you; otherwise, your information will not be shared and kept secure at NACHC.*

You will not benefit directly from your participation in the study. The benefits to science and humankind that might result from this study are: in the short term, each participating health center may gain additional or enhanced technical assistance and training resources as a result of participation and, in the long term, the your patient population may benefit from improved health care services research.

Every effort will be made to keep your information confidential, however, this can not be guaranteed. Results from the online survey will be stored at NACHC, with individual respondent names known only to research staff assigned to the project in cases of determining inclusion of outlier responses; such information will be secured by and will be the responsibility of Peter Shin (GWU), Chaya Merrill (CNMC), and Michelle Proser (NACHC). If results of this research

study are reported in journals or at scientific meetings, the people who participated in this study will not be named or identified.

The Office of Human Research of George Washington University, at telephone number (202) 994-2715, can provide further information about your rights as a research participant. Further information regarding this study may be obtained by contacting Peter Shin, the Project Director, at telephone number (202) 994-4144.

To ensure anonymity, your signature is not required. Your willingness to participate in this research study is implied if you proceed with completing the survey/interview.

*Please keep a copy of this document in case you want to read it again.