

MARITIME FAMILY PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK NEWSLETTER

NETWORK UPDATE

Over the course of the past year, we have been working to update our regular feedback reports. We would like the information provided to be easily understood and relevant to all our sentinel practitioners. Our aim is to continue to iterate on these reports to deliver practice data that helps with providing reliable metrics that are useful for self-monitoring or quality improvement projects. We would appreciate any feedback on these reports, if you have any questions on the current data provided or would like to see other data aspects represented, please contact us.

Over the next year we are hoping to recruit as widely as possible across the province. If any practitioners in your current practice have yet to join, we would love to meet with them and recruit them to the network. We are hoping to host some virtual sessions in the fall to highlight some of the work our network has done over the past 2 years, as well as our goals moving forward.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and we could not do this work without you.

Dr. Mathew Grandy, MD, CCFP

PRIVACY REVIEW

There has recently been a [Global News article](#) discussing patient privacy concerns of a practice-based research network in Toronto. While this article is not about MaRNet, our network has completed a privacy review with the Nova Scotia Health research ethics board to ensure we are maintaining the highest standards of patient privacy within our network. MaRNet passed the privacy review and the risks were deemed comparable to other projects of a similar nature.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the privacy review.

PATIENT POSTER

Providers who have joined MaRNet should have a MaRNet poster visible in the waiting room of their clinic and patient brochures available to patients if they request additional information. A patient poster and brochures will be mailed to your clinic.

The purpose of having the poster visible to patients in the waiting room is to give patients the opportunity to “opt-out” of the study. Due to the nature of this work, it would be impossible to consent each and every patient for participation, for this reason the Nova Scotia Health research ethics board (NSHA REB) has granted a waiver of individual consent (File No.100255).

STUDY UPDATES

SPIDER - RCT Deprescribing

MaRNet's role in the SPIDER deprescribing study is coming to an end. We are currently wrapping up the patient survey portion of the study.

December 3, 2023 will be two years since we ended the one-year intervention. After this point, we will share more in-depth information with the network about the results of the study in a future newsletter.

At the CPCSSN level, the SPIDER project is still ongoing with some networks joining the study and others doing another round of interventions. To learn more about the SPIDER deprescribing study, visit spiderdeprescribing.com.

Health Surveillance of Community-Dwelling, Person-Living-with-Dementia and Caregiver Dyads

Recruitment for this study has ended for now. Across the CPCSSN networks participating in the study, over 200 dyads of people living with dementia and their caregivers have been linked in the CPCSSN database.

Opioid Study

This study has reached completion and 2 manuscripts are currently in the pipeline for publication. Once published we will provide updates in a future newsletter.

UPCOMING STUDIES

Evaluating Progressive Improvements on Audit and Feedback Strategies to Support Prescribers in Decreasing Antibiotic Use for Viral Respiratory Tract Infections

This upcoming study will use MaRNet data to provide primary care providers with feedback reports on their prescribing practices for respiratory tract infections.

If you would like to be part of this study, please contact marnetfp@dal.ca.

Understanding the Workload of Primary Care Providers in Nova Scotia

This upcoming study will use MaRNet data to better understand the volume and activities being performed by Nova Scotian primary care providers in the management of patients.

FEEDBACK REPORTS

MaRNet feedback reports can be received via email or paper copy. Please let us know your preference by emailing marnetfp@dal.ca.

DID YOU KNOW?

MaRNet is part of a larger pan-Canadian network called the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN). CPCSSN is Canada's first multi-disease EMR surveillance system.

CPCSSN is comprised of 12 networks across 8 practice-based research and learning provinces and 1 territory.

To learn more about CPCSSN, visit cpcssn.ca.