

MAY NEWSLETTER

May 2026



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MAY IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE JOURNAL CLUB

Title: Standards for Reporting Implementation Studies (StaRI)

Date: Thursday May 21

Time: 1-2pm

Location: 1385 [PBDB](#) or [Zoom](#)

Discussant: Heather Reisinger, PhD

Article: [Standards for Reporting Implementation Studies \(StaRI\) Statement](#)

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Further reading on StaRI:
[Pinnock, H., Epiphaniou, E., Sheikh, A. et al. Developing standards for reporting implementation studies of complex interventions \(StaRI\): a systematic review and e-Delphi. Implementation Sci 10, 42 \(2015\).](#)
[Pinnock et al. Standards for Reporting Implementation Studies \(StaRI\): explanation and elaboration document. BMJ Open 2017;7:e013318.](#)

Attend Virtually
or In-Person:
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OR IN PERSON:
[1385 PBDB](#)



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (EXTERNAL):

- PISCE (Penn's Implementation Science Center) is offering an **Implementation Science Institute** in 2026. Courses will be offered Tuesday June 23 - Friday June 26 from 11am to 4pm (virtual).
 - Registration is open until May 22nd. More information found [here](#).
- Two short courses will be offered by UT Health Houston School of Public Health this spring. There is a virtual option, and there is a fee for these courses.
 - **Implementation Mapping:** Using Intervention Mapping to Plan Implementation Strategies: May 26-29, 2026
 - **Health Promotion Planning:** An Intervention Mapping Approach: June 1-4, 2026
- PISCE webinar: **Submitting and Presenting Your Work at Implementation Science Conferences**. Led by PISCE Executive Director, Dr. Courtney Wolk, the discussion will highlight key IS conferences and provide tips for preparing your submission & presentation.
 - Tuesday May 26th from 2-3pm
 - Register [here](#)

CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE PAPERS – JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTH (JPAH)

- JPAH is developing a special issue highlighting the contributions of implementation science to advancing physical activity and health. The issue will focus on four main themes:
 - Application of implementation science in physical activity and health
 - Program and policy implementation and sustainment
 - Scaling of evidence-based programs and policies
 - Implementation science in underserved populations and resource-constrained settings.
- **Deadline for Expression of Interest:** June 22, 2026
- **Deadline for manuscript submission:** November 1, 2026
- Additional details can be found [here](#).

CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE PAPERS – FRONTIERS IN HEALTH SERVICES

- The goal of this special issue is to provide an opportunity to disseminate the development, testing, and use cases for study tools developed in the field of implementation science. Submissions are invited that report the development, testing, and/or replication of tools developed through the course of an implementation science trial or quality improvement evaluation across health topics and settings. Submissions should include templated versions of the tool(s).
- Deadline for submission is **August 23, 2026**. For details, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Bioengineering Research Grants \(BRG\)](#) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
 - This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) encourages collaborations between the life and physical sciences that: 1) apply a multidisciplinary bioengineering approach to the solution of a biomedical problem; and 2) integrate, optimize, validate, translate or otherwise accelerate the adoption of promising tools, methods, and techniques for a specific research or clinical problem in basic, translational, or clinical science and practice.
 - New application due date: October 5, 2026

CONFERENCES

- 19th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health
 - Submit your abstract, panel, workshop or Impact Story submission today! [Click here](#) to submit.
 - Submission deadline: Thursday July 16, 2026 at 5pm ET
 - Learn more about this year's areas of focus [here](#).

RECENT D&I PUBLICATIONS

- Mazzucca-Ragan S, Brownson RC, Malone S, Luke DA. **Mapping Methods: Charting Future Priorities for Research Methods in Dissemination and Implementation Science**. Res Sq [Preprint]. 2026 Apr 29;rs.3.rs-8874640. doi: [10.21203/rs.3.rs-8874640/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-8874640/v1). PMID: 42094047; PMCID: PMC13142623.
- Parmasad V, Solomon D, Wiegmann D, Schweizer-Looby M, Safdar N. **Implementation strategy modifications: An applied multi-site comparison using ERIC and FRAME-IS for the "Fluoroquinolone Restriction for the Prevention of Clostridioides difficile infection Trial" (FIRST)**. medRxiv [Preprint]. 2026 Apr 30:2026.04.28.26351921. doi: [10.64898/2026.04.28.26351921](https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.04.28.26351921). PMID: 42094176; PMCID: PMC13142570.
- Staiano AE, Estabrooks PA, et al. **Disseminating and Implementing the Science of Pediatric Obesity Treatment and Prevention**. Obesity (Silver Spring). 2026 May 5;10.1002/oby.70197. doi: [10.1002/oby.70197](https://doi.org/10.1002/oby.70197). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42084557; PMCID: PMC13148230.
- Powis M, Ladak AM et al. **Framework for artificial intelligence implementation research in healthcare: synthesizing current evidence on barriers and facilitators**. NPJ Digit Med. 2026 May 8. doi: [10.1038/s41746-026-02705-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41746-026-02705-3). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42104102.
- Ginn LD, Wilhelm AM et al. **Implementing a Jail-Based Buprenorphine Program in a Small Appalachian Facility: Insights From CFIR and ERIC**. J Correct Health Care. 2026 May 8;10783458261449594. doi: [10.1177/10783458261449594](https://doi.org/10.1177/10783458261449594). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42102016.
- Nilsen P, Kislov R, Birken SA, Mittman BS. **Too deductive too soon? Toward an inductive renewal of implementation science**. Implement Sci. 2026 May 4;21(1):31. doi: [10.1186/s13012-026-01504-4](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-026-01504-4). PMID: 42082967; PMCID: PMC13141323.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (INTERNAL):

- **Maximizing Pivot to Find Funding and Collaborators**
 - Wednesday May 20 from 11am-noon - in person, Hardin Library
 - Thursday June 18 from 2-3pm - virtual, Zoom
 - [Register here](#) for any of these monthly sessions to learn more about Pivot
- **Improving Scholarly Communication Series**
 - The Improving Scholarly Communications Series sessions are a three-part series designed to provide you with strategies to improve the clarity of your scholarly communications, both written and oral. These workshops are hosted by Paul Casella (Academic/Scientific Editorial Manager; Office of Faculty Affairs and Development) and will take place throughout Summer 2026. All sessions will be hosted in the University Capitol Centre. [See the series webpage](#) for additional details and descriptions of each session. [Register here](#).
 - All sessions are held from 11am-noon:
 - Writing for Publication - Friday June 12
 - Writing Effective NIH Grant Applications - Friday June 26
 - Speaking for Success: Strategies for Effective Medical and Scientific Presentations - Friday July 10
- **Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar and Workshop**
 - The Research Development Office is partnering with Dr. John Robertson from Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops to conduct this seminar to be held on Thursday October 15 from 8:30am-4:30pm in the IMU.
 - In-person and virtual options are available.
 - Registration fee is \$200 and includes seminar, workbook, supplemental materials, and lunch.
 - The seminar is a pre-requisite to the intensive workshop that is scheduled for January 11-12, 2027.
 - Seminar Registration: [Register here](#) by Monday Sept. 30
 - Workshop Registration: [Register here](#) by Thursday Oct. 22



- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORKSHOP BELOW, [CLICK HERE](#).
- TO APPLY FOR THE WORKSHOP BELOW, [CLICK HERE](#).

HYBRID EFFECTIVENESS-IMPLEMENTATION STUDY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Develop a stronger grant proposal with expert guidance!

- In-person, 2.5 day workshop
- Who should apply: PIs writing hybrid effectiveness-implementation study proposals

 **October 20-22, 2026**
 **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Little Rock, AR**
 **UAMS Center for Implementation Research (CIR)**
 **Cost: \$2500**

Click [here](#) to apply!

For more information, [click here](#)

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