

The Rutgers Child Health & Well-Being Research Group (CHRG) is a university-wide common interest group whose mission is to increase the quality and quantity of research at Rutgers aimed at improving child health and well-being locally, nationally, and globally. The group's founders include three faculty members in our department: Drs. Daniel Horton and Manuel Jimenez from the Division of Population Health, Quality, and Implementation Sciences (PopQuIS), and Dr. David Krol from the Division of General Pediatrics. CHRG has several aims:

- **Awareness:** Foster awareness of Rutgers faculty, trainees, students, and staff engaging in child health and well-being research
- **Collaboration:** Promote a multidisciplinary, collaborative child health research community across Rutgers
- **Training:** Facilitate mentoring relationships that engage trainees and students in research, scholarship, and careers in child-related areas
- **Engagement:** Engage community stakeholders, including community members, funders, government, and other members of the public.

CHRG's first event, "Impact of Opioids on Child Health and Well-Being," took place in September, featuring a keynote discussion from Natassia Rozario, the NJ Department of Health director of Opioid Response and Policy, and panelists from various Rutgers units and collaborating institutions.

CHRG has two events planned for the coming semester: The first is a networking event scheduled for Monday, February 24 at 9:30-11:30am (location TBD). This event will feature talks by Dr. Sally Radovick, Professor, Henry Rutgers Term Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Physician-in-Chief of Bristol Myers-Squibb Children's Hospital, and Chancellor's Scholar; Dr. Larry Kleinman, Professor, Vice Chair for Academic Development, and Division Director of PopQuIS; Dr. Arnold Rabson, Professor and Director of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey; and other leaders from the Rutgers community. Following the presentations, there will be a series of small group discussions for attendees to get to know one another and connect over common interests. Later in the spring, CHRG will host a hot topic forum on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), organized in collaboration with the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities and NJ LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program). The forum will follow a Pediatric Grand Rounds on ACEs, which the Boggs Center has planned.

If you are interested in learning more about CHRG, connecting with a multidisciplinary group involved in research on child health and well-being across the university, or staying informed about CHRG's future events, consider signing up for the group's listserv at:

<https://academicaffairs.rutgers.edu/child-health-well-being-research-group-chrg>

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