Public Health Services and Systems Research Interest Group Call for Abstracts
Main ARM: June 7-10, 2025, Minneapolis MN (In-Person)
Interest Group (IG) Meeting Day/Time: TBA
Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 6, 2025, 5:00pm Eastern

PHSSR IG Overview:

The AcademyHealth Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR) Interest Group (IG) provides information about the infrastructure of public health — its organization, workforce, financing, infrastructure, and management — and its role within the broader health system. PHSSR's evidence- based research and practices allow public health practitioners and policymakers to make informed decisions about strengthening the public health system, thereby improving the health of the population. AcademyHealth has recently launched an agenda setting initiative for prioritizing topics in PHSSR, drawing attention to the important work in this area. This IG will highlight recent contributions to the field of PHSSR.

The goals of the 2025 PHSSR IG Session are to:
1. Connect with PHSSR researchers and practitioners
2. Share diverse perspectives and rigorous scientific research
3. Address the relationship between the public health infrastructure and critical public health issues, including health equity

The IG welcomes research that investigates linkages between public health services and system inputs and population health outcomes and/or demonstrates innovation in its methodological approach.

IG Call for Abstracts:

The PHSSR IG encourages the submission of abstracts on all topics related to PHSSR. Topics include:
- Building public health system resilience, especially in relation to preparedness for, response to, and recovery from public health emergencies like COVID-19 and natural disasters
- Evaluating local, state, or federal policies to improve public health services and the public health system, and how they relate to the social determinants of health, population health outcomes across the life course, and/or health equity
- Emerging threats to population health, such as opioid misuse, infectious disease, and chronic disease, and their impact on public health services and the public health system
- Issues related to public health resources and other financial/economic issues, including their politicization, prioritization, and management
- Public health system-wide integration and/or cross-sector collaborations and their respective impacts on population health outcomes
- Public health infrastructure including workforce capacity and data systems, including research related to the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure Grant in the areas of workforce, foundational capabilities, and data modernization
- Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approach for PHSSR research such as measuring public health system-wide integration, cross-sector collaborations, resource allocation, workforce development, public health informatics, other public health services, etc.
- Submissions aligned with research priorities from the recent Public Health Services and Systems research agenda led by AcademyHealth with support from the American Public Health Association and Kaiser Permanente

IG Criteria for Evaluating Submissions:
Submissions should use a **structured format** using the following headings: Research Objective, Study Design, Population Studied, Principal Findings, Conclusions, and Implications for Policy or Practice. (These are the same headings as the ARM call for abstracts.) Abstract text should be limited to **500 words**, not including headings. Please indicate in the abstract if the results are preliminary findings at the time of abstract submission and whether the study will be complete before ARM 2025.

Submissions will undergo a blind peer review and will be evaluated by the following criteria:
- Alignment with PHSSR topics
- Quality and originality
- Use of rigorous research methods
- Policy relevance and implications for practice
- Timeliness
- Clarity of writing and presentation

In choosing among the best abstracts, we will also consider how the topics complement one another and provide an array of issues of interest to members.

Instructions for Abstract Submission:
The PHSSR Interest Group is managing this Call for Abstracts and abstract submission is not available through AcademyHealth's submission portal. All abstracts should be submitted via the link below.

To submit, please visit the 2025 PHSSR IG Call for Abstracts submission site: https://forms.gle/T4kxt7jh36FAuSvh8. This is a Google Form.

To be considered for presentation, **abstracts must be submitted to the PHSSR IG by Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:00pm Easter.** We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

For more information about the PHSSR IG call for abstracts, please contact the IG Advisory Board Chair, Casey Balio at balioc@etsu.edu

Note that IG presenters need to register for the AcademyHealth ARM, as the IG sessions are part of the main conference.

ARM Call for Abstracts:
Abstracts submitted to the PHSSR IG can be dually considered for the Annual Research Meeting Call for Abstracts. You may submit an abstract that you previously submitted to the main ARM.

The PHSSR IG Call for Abstracts is managed separately from the Annual Research Meeting Call for Abstracts.