

McKesson's EHRs are key tools enabling quality of care improvements for physicians nationwide participating in the Practice Partner Research Network (PPRNet). Formed in partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina, PPRNet is a practice-based quality improvement and research network that provides clinical performance reporting on more than 80 separate quality of care indicators. Practice Partner is offering a choice of PPRNet services, allowing you to choose the option that best suits the need of your practice. Here is a summary of the options:

- **Basic Reports.** This option, available free of charge, provides quarterly practice-level reports on almost 80 quality improvement indicators. This option does not include provider-level reports or patient-level detail reports.
- **Advanced Reports.** This package includes:
  - Quarterly practice-level reports
  - Quarterly provider-level reports
  - Quarterly patient-level detail reports. Patient-level detail reports includes lists of all patients that are overdue for intervention or are not meeting goals.
  - This option is available on a subscription basis for \$500 per provider per year.
- **Advanced Reports with Quality Improvement Consultations.** This package includes:
  - All of the reporting included in the Advanced Reports service
  - Quality improvement consultations with PPRNet consultants who have extensive experience with academic detailing, Practice Partner software, and quality improvement in practice. PPRNet will provide three hours, per provider, of phone or web consulting time each year.
  - This option is available on a subscription basis for \$1000 per provider per year. Additional phone time or onsite visits are also available. Contact PPRNet for details on available consulting services.
- **Participation in Funded Research Projects.** Practices actively participating in current PPRNet research projects will receive advanced reports with PPRNet consultations at no charge.

I'm already enrolled in PPRNet. [What should I do?](#)

If you are not participating in a funded research project, please contact us immediately so that your PPRNet membership can continue without interruption. Contact our PPRNet Coordinator, Jacob Schroeder, or call our corporate office at 800.770.7674.

## I am not currently enrolled in PPRNet. How can I join?

To become a PPRNet member, just visit the PPRNet web site at [www.musc.edu/PPRNet](http://www.musc.edu/PPRNet). Click on the "Join PPRNet" link and complete the online form. We will then contact you to follow up and complete your enrollment.

## Background Information on the Practice Partner Research Network

### What is PPRNet?

The Practice Partner Research Network (PPRNet) is a unique and pioneering concept in practice-based quality improvement and research. PPRNet was the first practice-based research network linking physicians who use electronic medical records.

A longitudinal patient database comprised of data from Practice Partner Patient Records from participating physicians throughout the United States provides the basis for PPRNet's research activities. PPRNet's design protects the confidentiality of patients and physicians and requires minimal time commitment for busy physicians. PPRNet addresses questions important for primary care practice. Currently, PPRNet has more than 150 physician practices, representing over 850 health care providers, and approximately 1.8 million patients located in 40 states.

Since the year 1995 PPRNet has secured more than \$12 million in federal research funding. Furthermore, PPRNet has published over 45 peer review articles. Members are frequently co-authors.

### Who organizes PPRNet?

PPRNet was formed in May 1995 as a joint effort between the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and Practice Partner. MUSC is primarily responsible for the management of the network and designs and conducts the research projects. Practice Partner is responsible for identifying potential practices, and collecting data.

### Who is eligible for PPRNet membership?

PPRNet members must be using Practice Partner Patient Records. Current PPRNet activities are mostly of interest to primary care practices.

### Where can I learn more?

Visit the PPRNet web site at [www.musc.edu/PPRNet](http://www.musc.edu/PPRNet) or contact Loraine Roylance, PPRNet coordinator at 843.876.1212 and/or [roylanlf@musc.edu](mailto:roylanlf@musc.edu).