

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Supplement on Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI)

*Public Health Reports (PHR)* is inviting papers for a Supplement on Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI). The guest editors for this Supplement are Dr. Kevin Fenton and Gustavo Aquino. Dr. Fenton is the National Center Director and Mr. Aquino is the Associate Director for Program Integration, both with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention.

PCSI is a mechanism for organizing and blending interrelated health issues, activities, and prevention strategies to facilitate comprehensive delivery of services. A key benefit of PCSI is to maximize the health benefits that people receive from prevention services by increasing service efficiency through combining, streamlining, and enhancing prevention services; maximizing opportunities to screen, test, treat, or vaccinate those in need of these services; improving the health of populations negatively affected by multiple diseases; and enabling service providers to adapt to and keep pace with changes in disease epidemiology and new technologies. (For additional information about PCSI, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/programintegration>.)

The editors are seeking manuscripts that advance scientific knowledge and report the findings of public health research and policy on program collaboration and integrated service activities. Manuscripts may be analytic or descriptive in format and may include implications for policy and practice.

Manuscripts addressing the following broad range of topics will be sought:

- Evidence of the impact of PCSI on program effectiveness or public health outcomes;
- Operational research or studies of the impact of integrated service delivery of screening, immunization, and structural interventions related to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and/or tuberculosis (TB);
- Strategies and best practices for integrating surveillance systems, using collaborative approaches to data sharing, and using syndemic data for public health planning and action;
- Qualitative studies exploring provider and/or patient attitudes, behaviors, and health outcomes related to their experiences of PCSI and other syndemic approaches to the prevention of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STD, and TB infections;

- Analyses of health service data that document missed opportunities to diagnose and treat populations at risk for multiple infections related to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and/or TB;
- Estimates of potential or actual realized efficiencies gained through integrated service delivery;
- Estimates of added costs and excess burden of disease, disability, or premature death that result from missed diagnoses of comorbid conditions;
- Evaluation of effectiveness, costs, and cost-effectiveness of activities related to program collaboration and service integration;
- Evaluation of the process, outcomes, costs, and cost-effectiveness of cross-training activities for integrated service delivery; and
- Policy analyses and implementation research related to integrated services to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and/or TB.

The editors are encouraging a broad range of manuscripts, including reports of studies that examine lessons learned from efforts to implement PCSI strategies in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases with similar social determinants.

**Manuscript requirements:** Articles in *PHR* are typically 3,000 words in length. All manuscripts will be reviewed by the *PHR* Special Editorial Committee (SEC) for this Supplement. The SEC determines which manuscripts are sent for external peer review and which manuscripts are then published in the Supplement.

**Deadline for submission:** July 1, 2012. The anticipated publication date for the *PHR* Supplement is July/August 2013.

**Manuscript submission:** Manuscripts for this Supplement should be e-mailed to [manuscripts@publichealthreports.org](mailto:manuscripts@publichealthreports.org). Please include "Program Collaboration and Service Integration" in the subject line of the e-mail. If you have any questions about this Supplement, please contact Gustavo Aquino (404-639-8896; [gaal@cdc.gov](mailto:gaal@cdc.gov)). For questions about *PHR*, please contact the Managing Editor, Julie Keefe (513-232-3190; [JKeefe@cdc.gov](mailto:JKeefe@cdc.gov)).

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