Mission
The mission of WiNHR is to foster research throughout Wisconsin via a collaborative, multidisciplinary statewide research network. Through WiNHR, the network conducts clinical, translational, comparative effectiveness, and health outcomes research studies involving multiple health-care institutions.

Goals
- Improve health in Wisconsin.
- Enhance ability for evaluating new health-care interventions.
- Improve health care professional and researcher access to academic center resources.
- Establish new or improved collaborative research relationships among medical centers throughout the state.
- Increase cross-discipline exploration and discovery.

Contact information
WiNHR central administrative offices are located at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Client Services Center:

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https://ictr.wisc.edu/WiNHR
WiNHR connects investigators and external sponsors who want to conduct statewide health research. WiNHR was established to promote greater inter-institutional collaboration in research.

**History**
In response to the 2004 NIH Roadmap for Translational Research, investigators from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and other healthcare systems in the state realized the potential benefits of a statewide collaborative research network and formed WiNHR. In 2006, WiNHR received startup funding from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) Medical Education and Research Committee, part of the Wisconsin Partnership Program.

WiNHR joined the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) in 2009. This relationship expands opportunities for WiNHR to conduct statewide projects, as ICTR offers administrative, fiscal and information technology support to the network. ICTR is funded by an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA).

For a listing of past and current WiNHR studies and research publications, please visit https://www.ictr.wisc.edu/WiNHRProjects.

**Efficiency in Collaboration**
WiNHR has been a catalyst for infrastructure refinements at its network sites including:
- Standard operating procedures across sites
- Memorandums of understanding
- Intellectual property protections
- Clinical Research Management software
- Streamlined IRB approval through the Wisconsin Institutional Review Board Consortium (WIC)

**Geographic Reach and Diversity**
- Patient populations from urban, rural, and ethnically diverse communities
- Increased opportunities for patient (subject) accrual
- Access to more than 3 million residents statewide in more than 50 counties

**Broad Research Sponsorship**
- Investigator-initiated
- Federally-funded
- Industry sponsored
- Medical research foundations
- Community-based organizations

Jim Burmester PhD, from Marshfield Clinic, and Dennis Baumgardner, MD, Aurora Health Care confer while attending a WiNHR Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee meets regularly to promote collaboration and communication across the statewide network.

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