

PROJECT BRIEF

Aurora UW Medical Group Projects

Background

The Aurora University of Wisconsin Medical Group (AUWWMG) Research Committee supports AUWWMG care providers in conducting applied research. The Center for Urban Population Health serves as the primary source of facilitation for faculty and resident/student/fellow projects, offering research support and space. Dennis Baumgardner M.D., coordinates these activities within the Health Services Initiatives program area of the Center for Urban Population Health, and collaborates on many of them. This support allows AUWWMG care providers to translate basic research to their clinical settings.

Primary Purpose

Engage and support AUWWMG faculty in applied health research.

Support Services

The AUWWMG Research Committee grants providers dedicated staff time to conduct their research.

The Center for Urban Population Health provides:

- Project-related research support;
- Research space; and
- Opportunities to collaborate with other Center Scientists around population health issues.

Current Areas of Research

- Quality improvement in risk factor measurement and delivery of care
- Epidemiology and identification of infectious diseases
- Technology innovations in advancing health data systems
- Geographic analysis of prevalent health conditions
- Women's health and pregnancy
- Geriatric and long term care research

- Health disparities in urban healthcare
- Chronic disease prevention and health motivators
- Substance abuse assessment and screening

Leadership

Aurora UW Medical Group

Dennis Baumgardner, M.D., Associate Director for Health Services Initiatives, CUPH and Director of Campus Research, AUWWMG

Center for Urban Population Health

Jennifer Evertsen, M.S., Assistant Researcher
Melissa Lemke, B.A., Associate Research Specialist

Margaret Evans, B.S., Research Assistant

Accomplishments to Date

The AUWWMG Research Committee and the Center for Urban Population are currently supporting:

- 10 AUWWMG faculty with dedicated research time
- 30 AUWWMG faculty projects

The Center for Urban Population Health is a partnership among the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Aurora Health Care, Inc. Our mission is to conduct and facilitate original population health research and education initiatives that improve the health of urban communities through collaboration with academic and community organizations.