

Learning community for research on self-administration of DMPA-SC

Overview

The Society of Family Planning Research Fund (the Society) is seeking participants to join a time-limited learning community for investigators leading research on exploring the potential of self-administered subcutaneous depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA-SC). Selected individuals will join grantees from the Society's recent [funding opportunity](#) in sessions designed to strengthen research underway and provide space for ongoing peer feedback, opportunities for collaboration, and support from community groups, policy experts, and international researchers.



Program

In 2021, the Society offered the [In their hands: Exploring the potential of self-administered injectable contraception](#) funding opportunity to support research focused on peoples' experience with self-administration of DMPA-SC in US settings. The recent CDC practice recommendation offers clear guidance on the safety and efficacy of this method; however, expanding the evidence base around user experience and spurring practice change accordingly is a necessary next step to ensure this method is accessible for people seeking to prevent pregnancy.

To enhance research focused on this topic, the Society is offering a discussion-based learning community, bringing together researchers who are substantively engaged in this topic. The objectives of the learning community are to:

- Strengthen research underway by providing ongoing peer feedback and access to experts in partner organizations; and
- Support the translation of findings into policy and practice by creating opportunities for collaboration around dissemination and access to experts in partner organizations.

Additionally, the learning community will offer a structured networking opportunity for researchers conducting related research, potentially facilitating future collaboration. Please note that, while the Society staff provide facilitation and administrative support, this is a space for peer support and discussion amongst colleagues.

Express interest in joining
by **February 25, 2022**

Eligibility and selection process

We anticipate inviting up to five additional participants to join the learning community and are seeking individuals who have recent, ongoing, or planned research efforts on the topic of self-administered injectable contraception. In addition, we will prioritize individuals who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color).

We invite members to express interest in joining the learning community by February 25, 2022. Please find the expression of interest form [here](#).

All applicants must be able to commit to attending at least 50% of the following sessions:

- March 2 - Introduction and peer feedback, part I*
- March 16 - Peer feedback, part II*
- March 30 - CDC practice recommendations with Dr. Kate Curtis and Dr. Antionette Nguyen
- April 13 - Community perspectives on DMPA-SC with guest speakers
- May 18 - Understanding side effects with Dr. Krystale Littlejohn
- June 8 - Policy, payment, and institutional infrastructure with Ms. Liz McCaman Taylor and Dr. Alina Salganicoff
- July 13 - DMPA-SC efforts in other countries with Dr. Kelsey Holt, Dr. Jane Cover, and Dr. Holly Burke
- August 31* - Research implementation issues, part I
- September 14* - Research implementation issues, part II
- December 1* - Group discussion of preliminary research results

All sessions will be held via Zoom for 60 minutes.

* denotes this is a working session in which attendees will prepare to share project information and give peer feedback.