



## MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANT OUTCOME REPORT

### Health Innovation Program

# Improving health care delivery in Wisconsin

**Health Innovation Program creates innovative model, partnering researchers with health care organizations to improve health care delivery**

► **Description:** Health services research is the study of health care delivery. The Health Innovation Program (HIP) is building the school's capacity in this area, using an innovative model of collaboration. These collaborations occur both between researchers and health care organizations (both UW-affiliated and statewide) and among researchers to help hone important new questions that ultimately lead to better care for patients in Wisconsin and beyond.

► **Results:** HIP has been successful in implementing its collaboration-based model, building partnerships with health care organizations, within UWSMPH, and beyond. It has focused its work on four priority areas — colorectal cancer, diabetes care, primary care redesign, and discharge communication — seeking to improve patient outcomes in these areas. HIP also has built a supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff interested in health services research.



*Health Innovation Program director Maureen Smith (far left) meets with researchers and staff.*

Collaborative working groups meet regularly to support the creation of new grant proposals and manuscripts. During the grant period, HIP-supported faculty and clinicians successfully competed for 23 grants and published 42 peer-reviewed studies, each focused on improving patient care.

► **Timeline for Application of Results:** Less than three years

► **Next Steps:** The MERC renewed funding for HIP, pledging \$874,546 to support the program. It also funded two new aims:

- The creation of a resource for rapid research and learning on a series of high-priority conditions designated by the federal government.
- The dissemination of best practices through a partnership with the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality.

### GRANT FACTS

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