



ACORN newsletter Summer 2021

ACORN is offering **FREE** support to primary care practices in two areas. Contact us (acorn@vcu.edu) to learn more or join!

Addressing unhealthy alcohol use. ACORN will help your practice develop a workflow, learn about brief counseling (<5 minutes) to help patients with risky alcohol use, and develop a local referral base to help patients that need more.

Care planning for patients with chronic conditions. Enroll in a care planning process through ACORN that will support 10 of your patients in creating a personal care plan to be healthier. Patients will get a patient navigator and community health worker to help them make the changes they want.



Making primary care a priority. Read about NASEM's report on primary care [here](#).

We are currently surveying primary care practices statewide to ask about their experience with Medicaid Expansion and we want to hear from you. Please send us your name, email, and practice information [here](#) to receive your unique survey link.

Updates in COVID Care

1. [Methylprednisone](#) is more effective than dexamethasone for hospitalized patients with COVID.
2. [Convalescent plasma](#) is not effective to reduce length of stay or improve outcomes for patients with COVID.



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