



# the ACORN newsletter

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### what's going on

#### Helping practices help patients with unhealthy alcohol use

The ACORN research team is enrolling practices now in a 6- to 9-month study that helps screen for and intervene on unhealthy alcohol use. The study will reach nearly 1 million Virginians – to do so, we need you! The study ask isn't too much: convene a small group for 3-4 sessions to decide on screening workflow for your clinic and then 3 practice wide meetings to discuss the screening recommendations and workflow. Contact us for more information! We'd be happy to have you join and the benefits of participation include access to our state-wide resource bank.

#### primary care spotlight

an overview by Beth Bortz

#### The Virginia Center for Health Innovation & Primary Care Payment Reform

VCHI and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Daniel Carey, have partnered to launch the [Governor's Task Force on Primary Care](#). The group aims address the urgent needs of primary care and to consider new models of resource allocation and accountability. Task force members include clinician leadership, employers, VA legislators, health plans, and community leaders. The group will meet through June 2021 and will work to advance the use of data systems; define payment models to support primary care; identify markers of high-quality care in the COVID and post COVID environment; and promote innovative methods of care such as telehealth. The task force will produce both short and long-term recommendations to ensure primary care maintains its ability to achieve its proven salutary effects – higher quality care at lower costs with greater equity across populations.

#### get involved

If you want to improve primary care, your practice might want to join ACORN. We want to work with you! Follow the QR code & take the survey to let us know what kind of research you're interested in doing.



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