

## MICYRN Affiliated Networks

MICYRN is a federally incorporated non-profit society that joins 21 maternal and child health research organizations united in the belief that collaboration between networks of investigators and an integrated infrastructure spurs advances that are unattainable by individual groups working in isolation. By affiliating networks through agreements there is strength in numbers, and a more effective body with which to address key issues affecting the conduct of maternal, infant, child, and youth health research. This also provides the opportunity for networks to communicate, collaborate and coordinate activities; ensures access to knowledge and new resources; and increases visibility for individual networks.

### 1. Objectives for Affiliated Networks

- 1.1. Identify shared interests and barriers common to inter-institutional collaborations.
- 1.2. Exchange strategies and best practices to promote efficient and effective network research.
- 1.3. Explore opportunities for cross-network collaboration.
- 1.4. Work together to set and achieve standards for pediatric research.

### 2. Criteria for Networks to Become Affiliated with MICYRN

- 2.1. Conduct clinical research. This includes, but is not limited to, epidemiology, behavior modification, health communication, patient care, medical practice, clinical quality improvement, and clinical process improvement research.
- 2.2. Has a research agenda and must have conducted at least one research study.
- 2.3. Majority of the research is in maternal, infant, child or youth health.
- 2.4. Should have a web presence.
- 2.5. Is a primary care, specialty, disease-specific, or population network.

### 3. Network Affiliates Support for MICYRN

- 3.1. Endorse MICYRN's vision, mission and goals.
- 3.2. Have an interest in contributing to MICYRN's strategic initiatives and projects.
- 3.3. Be open to sharing knowledge, information and best practices.
- 3.4. Distribute to their membership the voluntary MICYRN point-of-contact survey. This contributes to an inventory of child health investigators interested in providing scientific expertise, study design support, protocol optimization, and consulting on study feasibility.
- 3.5. Link to the MICYRN website from own website.

#### **4. MICYRN's Support for Affiliated Networks**

4.1. Provide opportunities for communication, collaboration and coordination of activities:

- Invite contributions to MICYRN surveys, projects, special interest groups, and attendance at workshops and meetings, when relevant to the affiliated network's work.
- Offer partnering opportunities with a wide range of stakeholders at events and through other initiatives to advance the cause for research conducted by networks.
- Jointly advocate for maternal, infant, child and youth health research issues.
- Access to MICYRN member services would be granted to networks that are affiliated

4.2. Improve the network's visibility:

- Network logo and website link displayed on MICYRN's website.
- Network can request news, press releases, and events be posted on MICYRN's website.
- Network announcements can be included in MICYRN's newsletters and via social media.
- Network may use MICYRN's logo on materials listing affiliations and partnerships.

#### **5. Procedures**

5.1. Networks submit the attached affiliation agreement, signed and completed, to the executive director.

5.2. Networks that meet the criteria will be approved to be formally affiliated with MICYRN.

5.3. Confirmation emails will be sent to the newly affiliated.

5.4. Networks will provide their logo to be added to the MICYRN website.

## Affiliation Agreement

**Vision:** *Better Health for Mothers and Children*

**Mission:** *To catalyze advances in maternal and child healthcare by connecting minds and removing barriers to high-quality health research*

### Strategic Goals

1. *Forge collaborations to encourage exchange of ideas and innovations, achieving economies of scale*
2. *Facilitate multijurisdictional research by addressing national and international barriers to collaboration in order to achieve efficiencies and optimize the investment in research*
3. *Inform best practices in order to advance the quality and impact of research*

### Network Criteria

1. Conducts clinical research.
2. Has a research agenda and has conducted at least one research study.
3. Conducts a majority of its research in the area(s) of maternal, infant, child or youth health.
4. Has a web presence.

### Type of Network

1. Primary care (general) (study topics are applicable to community health practice)
2. Specialty (study topics are pertinent to a subspecialty such as pediatric rheumatology)
3. Disease-specific (study topics are within a specific disease such as diabetes)
4. Population (study topics within a population such as premature infants, Aboriginal youth, etc.)

As a representative of my network, I declare it to be in agreement with MICYRN's goals and values.

I understand and agree that my network meets the four criteria as set out above, and is one of the four types of networks listed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Network Name	
Website	
Network Email	
Network Contact	
Address	