

# NNE-CTR Quarterly Newsletter

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## Learning from Communities

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**A message from Cliff & Gary:** Community engagement – bidirectional dialog with members of our communities – is not an option, but a responsibility and necessity for our CTR to understand and address the local challenges of health and healthcare. Community members help us develop communication strategies that align with unique regional preferences. Appreciating that a single approach for community engagement is not realistic, we have been developing NNE-CTR Pilot Projects that utilize local preferences for communication to provide a decisive difference in effectiveness at making acute and chronic life-threatening diseases preventable and treatable. Success stories include increased capabilities in addressing infant mortality, addiction, vaccination hesitancy, cardiovascular disease, COVID, stroke, and cancer, as well as treatment-related complications. We are poised to expand engagement with local initiatives to accelerate advances in the prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivorship with chronic diseases experienced by northern New Englanders. We are confident that our NNE-CTR commitment to community engagement will increase the effectiveness of health care providers, support the quality of life in underserved communities, and contribute to equity in health and healthcare.

## Rural Stroke Care: How EMS Changed Overnight

In 2018, the timeline for a life-saving stroke treatment was extended from 6 hours to 24 hours after stroke. That changed the landscape of stroke care, and the story is how EMS responded. Read this highlight to learn how one pilot project turned into a tri-state partnership and policy change that revolutionized how emergency personnel respond to stroke in the field. [Full story >>](#)

## RADx-UP: Getting COVID Tests to Our Communities

Over the past two years, we've heard a lot about quarantines and vaccinations, but there's a critical aspect of the pandemic response that doesn't get its equal share of the spotlight: testing. The NIH launched the RADx program to support research expanding testing accessibility, and NNE-CTR members received two RADx-UP grants to bring COVID testing

to some of our most vulnerable populations. Click below to read their stories.

[Bringing Testing to Rural Communities >>](#)

[Bringing Testing to Underserved Urban Communities >>](#)





## Service Showcase: Rural Research Navigation

*"[Rural Research Navigators] connect clinicians and providers with the resources here at the NNE-CTR in all of our cores to enable them to successfully produce a study or paper. We act as the traffic controller for*

*all those moving parts."* ~ Nancy Kaplan, Rural Research Navigator

Learn about all the ways our Rural Research Navigators can help you [here!](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Virtual Seminar Series

**Apr 8:** *COVID Impacts on Child Health Services*

**Apr 22:** *Cooperative Extensions: Meeting the Challenges of the Pandemic*

**May 6:** *Addressing Social Determinants of Health through Community-Engaged Research*

**May 13:** *Communication Strategies for Rural Health Equity & Vaccine Hesitancy*

**May 27:** *Telehealth Impacts on Health Care Delivery*

**Jun 3:** *RADx Impacts and Projects in Our Communities*

**Jun 10:** *Trends in Translational Research Technologies*

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