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President's Report

Benjamin Toll, Ph.D.

What a year! As the great Kobe Bryant said, "Everything negative – pressure, challenges – is all an opportunity for [us] to rise." We are facing a brave new world of nicotine and tobacco research in 2025. We celebrated our 30th anniversary last year, with an amazing culminating annual conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. As we turn the page on SRNT's 31st year, much has changed; much remains; and we have many important challenges and amazing opportunities before us. I joined SRNT over 20 years ago in 2002. At that time, we only had modern combusted cigarettes. Now, in 2025, we have e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products, and a massive array of novel oral tobacco products, ranging from snus to slick newly packaged and formulated nicotine gum to tobacco free nicotine pouches. I want to heartily thank the recent SRNT Past Presidents before me: Drs. Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, Megan Piper, Patricia Nez Hendersen, and Chris Bullen. These amazing individuals saw us through a global pandemic and allowed us to grow and thrive in a post-pandemic world.

I am privileged and honored to present the Executive Report to our membership for 2024. As President, I sought to bring 4 issues to the forefront of SRNT: 1) fellowship and remaining together as a large and diverse community of scientists from around the world with varying views on nicotine and tobacco research, 2) financial stability and growth, 3) facilitating growth into the scientific area of cannabis co-use of tobacco products, and 4) expansion of our scientific footprint by creation of a new

journal. I will take each of these issues one by one in the following paragraphs.

Fellowship

Beginning with the annual meeting last year (our 30th anniversary as noted above), the SRNT Board of Directors began a year long journey in which we worked within the Board and with members to optimize our Society's Mission, codify our Core Organizational Values, and create a values-based decision making system. I am proud to state that this led to re-branding our mission to: *Advance Science, Improve Health, and Save Lives*. The Board discussed a variety of values and polled the membership on which values resonated with them. I am very pleased that we presented the following Core Organizational Values and had strong agreement from our Membership (measured through online polling). These Values are on our website, and I proudly showcase them here at the beginning of our SRNT Annual Report:

Core Organizational Value #1

Scientific Excellence and Research Integrity

SRNT is a scientific society. As such, we value scientific excellence and research that is conducted with integrity and rigor using ethical, transparent, and reproducible methods. We value the full spectrum of ethical scientific inquiry, including basic science, public health, and clinical and translational research. We value respectful scientific discussion and debate, and we seek to promote the application of scientific knowledges in the real world, to achieve our mission and purpose.

Core Organizational Value #2

Diversity of Experience, Knowledge and Opinions

SRNT members conduct research across disciplines from cellular to societal. Our members live in many regions of the globe and have diverse regional views on issues of importance to SRNT. Our members include community researchers, students, and postdoctoral trainees and all levels of academic investigators, including early career up through senior researchers and retirees. We value this breadth of experiences and knowledges and the opinions that come with it. The diversity of viewpoints represented within SRNT's membership makes it stronger as an organization. We are not, nor do we strive to be, an echo chamber. As such, we welcome and encourage our members to express different perspectives on issues of importance to our mission and purpose. We encourage safe and respectful scientific debate at Society-sponsored events, including the annual meeting and SRNT listserv, and we seek to use our platform to support the dissemination of sound, science-based knowledges, and ideas.

Core Organizational Value #3

Respect for All People

SRNT stands against racism and all forms of discrimination, at all levels, personal and systemic, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, Indigeneity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, and religion. Moreover, consistent with human rights and social justice principles, SRNT actively works to



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ensure the Society, Society-sponsored forums, and the annual meeting are safe spaces for all members to present and share their ideas, regardless of their lived experiences, training, status, demographics, geographic identity, or other characteristics.

Core Organizational Value #4 Transparent Leadership

When staff, elected Board members, or other leaders within the organization make decisions, they will seek diverse perspectives from the membership and make decisions grounded in the best interests of the organization, the pursuit of our mission and reflecting our organizational values, even when those interests may differ from personal opinions, desires, or objectives. Decisions and their rationale will be transparent to members, and Board Members will strive to be good stewards of the organization's resources, including finite financial resources.

After creation of these Core Organizational Values, the next step in our journey was to hold Member listening sessions, in which key stakeholder group and open forums allowed the Board of Directors to obtain direct feedback from members regarding the key threats and opportunities SRNT is facing. This was an important and impactful process in which we heard from you, our members, about the issues facing SRNT. At the time of writing this report, we are collating all member comments from those sessions (both verbal and written).

As the Board meets in New Orleans for our annual conference in March, we will finalize our Core Organizational Values and formulate supporting documentation based on Member comments and all of the findings from our listening sessions.

Financial Stability

To quote our amazing Treasurer, Dr. Jennifer McClure, "I am pleased to report that once all revenue and expenses are reconciled for 2024 (by the end of Q1 2025), we are cautiously optimistic that we will end the year with a positive variance to budget of up to \$70,000 . . . [and] we believe SRNT is in a sound fiscal position for the coming year." This is great news! As a small business, we must always consider how to grow and thrive in a volatile and ever-changing landscape of science in the modern world. This means we must diversify our portfolio. This brings me to the other two issues we attempted to bring to the forefront of SRNT: Penetration into the cannabis scientific space, and creation of a new journal.

Engaging with Cannabis Science

With the legalization of cannabis in many new places and the advent of many new devices (e.g., e-cigarettes) that allow for co-use of nicotine and cannabis, it is time for SRNT to engage with our sisters and brothers engaging in cannabis science. To be clear, this is an expansion of a grass roots organic process that has already been occurring – indeed, many members of SRNT already conduct cannabis research and many funding agencies (e.g., the

US National Cancer Institute) are keen to fund research in this newer and growing space. With all of this in mind, we have partnered with the Research Society on Marijuana (RSMj) to host our first ever cannabis co-use scientific post-conference, occurring immediately after our SRNT Annual Conference in New Orleans in March of 2025. This is an opportunity for us to grow as a scientific organization and to also generate revenue to help our overall financial health. I am enthusiastic to see where this partnership leads, and I am excited for our Society to expand into this new area of scientific investigation.

Expansion of SRNT's Scientific Footprint and Impact

I engaged in a long and thoughtful process with Dr. Adam Leventhal, Chair of SRNT's Publications Committee, and Members of that Committee to discuss the idea of expanding our scientific footprint. After a deep dive with key input from our outgoing *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Marcus Munafo, and our incoming Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Caitlin Notley, we discovered that we are rejecting a very large number of manuscripts that are eventually published in other scientific outlets. We now know that we have enough submissions to support a new journal. We are in continual conversations and meetings with Oxford University Press to develop a sound financial plan for how we would launch this new journal. Importantly, our SRNT journal, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, has always been a key source for critical scientific discoveries and



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impact and also consistently contributed to the financial health of our Society.

As you will read in the rest of this report, SRNT remains a strong and healthy organization. Our journal is a robust resource for nicotine and tobacco science around the world. We have key chapters of SRNT Europe and SRNT Oceania conducting important nicotine and tobacco science in the European and Oceania regions. SRNT is buoyed by our wonderful Networks: The Adolescent Network, Basic Science Network, Genetics & Omics Network, Global Research Network, Health Equity Network, Policy Research Network, Trainee Network, and Treatment Research Network. Each of these Networks showcases their work over the past year in this report.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President in 2024. It has truly been a highlight of my career. I care deeply about each and every one of you, our Members. I am so excited for our next President, Dr. Christie Fowler, to take over the reigns in 2025 with several newly elected Board members. SRNT's future is exciting and bright. I look forward to facing it together with this wonderful community of nicotine and tobacco scientists.



President's Report

2024-2025 Board of Directors



Benjamin Toll, PhD
President



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MB, ChB, MPH, PhD**
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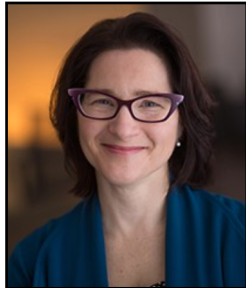
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Bruce Wheeler
Executive Director
Ex Officio Board Member



Treasurer's Report

Jennifer McClure, PhD

Executive Summary

I am pleased to report that once all revenue and expenses are reconciled for 2024 (by the end of Q1 2025), we are cautiously optimistic that we will end the year with a positive variance to budget of up to \$70,000. If so, this will be fantastic news. After several years of planned losses due to higher conference-related expenses and lower conference attendance post-pandemic, this income will help rebuild the financial reserves necessary to carry SRNT through future lean years. Additional financial details for 2024 and 2025 are summarized below, but the bottom line is that *the Society remains fiscally sound as we head into 2025.*

2024 Performance Relative to Budget

Each year we measure the Society's financial performance relative to the annual operating budget. The annual budget reflects our best estimate of revenue and expenses for the coming year.

We started 2024 with a planned year-end positive variance to budget of approximately \$10,000.

As of January 2025, we are showing a net loss of approximately -\$141,000. However, once expected journal royalties from Oxford University Press (OUP) are reconciled at the end of Q1 2025, we expect we *could* end 2024 with a positive variance to budget of up to \$70,000.

The key drivers of this better-than-expected performance were: (1) higher than projected membership revenue for the Annual meeting in Edinburgh, (2) higher than expected grant support for the Annual meeting in Edinburgh, (3) lower than projected VAT expenses, and (4) realized and unrealized investment gains.

Drill Down: Projected Year End Revenue and Expenses

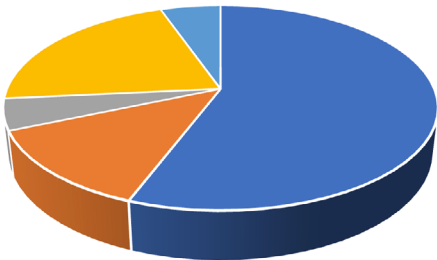
Based on year-end actuals as of December 31, 2024, plus the additional anticipated OUP royalties, we project our total revenue for 2024 will be approximately \$1,480,000.

The Society's main sources of revenue in 2024 were: (a) the Annual Meeting, (b) membership dues, (c) journal (*NTR*) income, (d) investment gains (e.g., from CD interest and realized and unrealized stock gains), and (e) conference grants.

Total expenses for 2024 are expected to be approximately \$1,406,000.

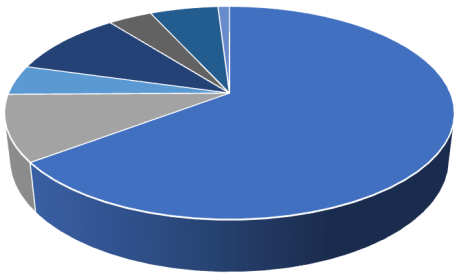
Consistent with prior years, SRNT's largest expenses were: the Annual Meeting; ongoing support of our member-focused networks (Adolescents, Basic Science, Genetics, Global, Health Disparities, Public Policy, Trainees, and Treatment), the society journal, *NTR*; Membership; Executive support of the Board/ Communications/Outreach; and General Administrative support.

2024 Projected Revenue



- Annual Meeting - 56%
- Membership - 13%
- Conference Grant - 4%
- NTR - 21%
- Investments - 5%

2024 Projected Expenses



- Annual Meeting - 65%
- Membership 5%
- Admin/General - 4%
- Special Projects - < 1%
- Networks - 10%
- Board/Exec Comm/Outreach - 10%
- NTR - 6%



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2025 Budget
Assuming we see strong attendance of the Annual Meeting in 2025, projected revenue this coming year is expected to be approximately \$1,448,000. Total projected expenses approved by the Board in January 2025 are approximately \$1,408,000. Consequently, we are projecting modest income for 2024 of approximately \$40,000. Our actual year-end financial performance could differ, depending primarily on the success of the 2025 Annual Meeting, income from the society journal (*NTR*), and the performance of our investments. This budget also assumes that we will keep our contracted staffing levels flat with The Rees Group. As a reminder, staffing support was lowered in recent years to help reduce operating costs.

Important Caveats
Final numbers in this report are estimates until all 2024 revenue and expenses have been reconciled. But, based on our year-end financial assets (approximately \$1.3 million) and assuming we will see strong attendance of the 2025 Annual Meeting, we believe SRNT is in a sound fiscal position as we enter 2025. However, lower than expected meeting attendance or potential future reductions in U.S. federal investments in research could have unforeseen impacts on our financial position in the coming year.

A Final Note – Thank You!
I would like to thank our Finance Committee (Megan Piper, Tom Northrup, and Bruce Wheeler), financial advisor (Middleton Advisory), and all the TRG staff for their hard work on behalf of SRNT. And a big thank you to our members for your continued support of SRNT and all of the research you do to advance our mission!

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Jennifer McClure, PhD
Treasurer
SRNT



Executive Director's Report

Bruce Wheeler

In past years I've taken the opportunity to acknowledge SRNT Volunteers, comment on history, and frankly whatever is on my mind at the time I'm asked to submit this report. Since the President's Report reflects on the year just past, I can address just about anything else!

This year? I'd like to help you understand why the registration fees for the Annual Meeting are what they are—which is, admittedly, on the high side for everyone other than Students and researchers from LMICs.

In this report I want to give you a peek behind the proverbial curtain.

Let's start with what those fees cover. Here is just some of what it takes to make the SRNT Annual Meeting happen:

- **The Abstract Submission System**, itself, and the staff time it takes to manage the process, including assigning reviewers, assignments for those abstracts accepted (session, day, time, room for orals, and session time and poster number for accepted posters), and getting all of this info put into the accept letters. This is a five-month process which requires considerably more time and effort than you might imagine, plus we pay for use of the submission system platform each year.
- **Rapids**, which is basically the same process as abstract submissions, but in a greatly condensed timeframe. No additional

platform fee, but more staff time (not to mention copious amounts of volunteer time—which isn't part of the financial equation).

- **Staff support of the Program Committee and the Co-Chairs** as they select abstracts for oral and poster presentations (again, this takes more staff time and effort than you might imagine and doesn't begin to cover the in-kind volunteer contributions made by reviewers and Program Committee members).
- **Planning conference logistics** (no one will ever know what an enormous lift this is and how fortunate SRNT is to have Brooke Miller doing all the heavy lifting). In addition to the work that goes into planning a single conference, Brooke also negotiates contracts with just about everyone (hotels, A/V companies—plural, the people who provide poster boards and such, on-the-ground support from local groups providing registration staff), arranges all the insurance, conducts site visits when looking for future host cities, and so much more. SO MUCH MORE!
- **SRNT registration staff.**
- **SRNT staff who are on site** to manage in-person registration, lectures, breakouts, poster sessions, coordinate a million moving pieces with the hotel, support Networks, work the mobile app, support Trainees and the Board, be there for

speakers, and generally make things happen. We traditionally take 8 staff members to the Annual Meeting.

- **Food & Beverage**, which is insane these days. You know those box lunches no one particularly loves? They cost upwards of \$75 per box, once taxes and service charges are added in. While it would be a little cheaper to do lunch buffets, that would require a place for 1,000+ people to sit down at the same time and eat. The hotels we go to simply don't have that kind of additional space, so box lunches it is. And don't get me started on coffee breaks! Okay, just a little start. Hotels charge in the range of \$125 for a gallon of coffee, which is about 20 cups—20 small cups. You can do the math. Unfortunately, hotels largely make their money off of food and beverage (and your sleeping rooms!). We could pay less for food and beverage, but the hotels would then charge us for meeting space rental—or charge even more for sleeping rooms. They're going to get their money one way or another...
- **Audio/Visual** is another shockingly expensive part of the conference. SRNT has worked with a terrific A/V company or staff who have moved on to form their own A/V companies since 2008, and these people are AMAZING. But we have to pay for at least 8 of their staff, plus a bunch of locals to support the ballroom lectures, 10 concurrent breakouts, the Speaker Ready Room, and oh, so much more. Believe it or



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not, we've budgeted over \$200K for A/V in New Orleans. Welcome to conference planning.

- **Travel support** (waived registrations, support for LMIC researchers, etc).

Honestly, the above hardly gets below the surface of what it takes to put on a conference the size of SRNT's. It's quite a lot of effort, and quite a number of expenses.

As for where the money comes from to pay for all of the above? From registration fees, of course. And conference grants—SRNT has been fortunate to receive significant grants from FDA/CTP in recent years, and 2025 will mark the second time SRNT has been approved for grant funding from NCI. Finally, we have a few sponsors/exhibitors. Many other organizations, particularly medical societies, make a pretty penny off their exhibit halls, but SRNT is such a niche organization that the number of vendors interested in interacting with our attendees is pretty small.

As long as I'm talking about where the money comes *from*, I should probably mention the money that *no longer comes in*—which then has to be made up elsewhere. Specifically, SRNT used to receive \$50K in grant support from Pfizer each year, but since Varenicline has gone generic they don't have the same need/desire to support our event. So, that's \$50K we're no longer receiving. And when we banned commercial tobacco industry

employees (because of their own bad behavior, but that's another subject entirely) an unintended consequence was the loss of more than \$75K in registration fees (they were charged considerably more than academics and government employees, so their fees helped offset a lot of costs).

All of which is to say that it is an EXPENSIVE conference to present, and in recent years we've lost some of the revenue that helped pay the bills. In fact, the conference used to generate a small profit, which was used to cover other SRNT expenses, but lately we have been losing money on the conference. Yup, even with the fees we charge, we've not been breaking even of late—full transparency. Thankfully, we've rebounded from some of the financial hit Covid took on the Society, so at this time we can afford a small deficit.

However, I'm finalizing this report even as conflicting reports about future US Federal funding are hitting the news daily. And not just future; there's a chance SRNT won't receive the grant funds that have already been approved. In other words, the future is a great big unknown at this time when Federal grants that help pay the bills are up in the air.

Your Board and staff are always looking for ways to reduce costs in an effort to make participation in the conference more affordable. Please know that! We watch the bottom line very, very closely. I mentioned our meeting planner, Brooke Miller, earlier. That woman is

like the proverbial dog with a bone and fights for every penny when it comes time to pay the bills. If there's a way to reduce a bill she WILL find it!

So, that's a little peek at what goes into planning the Annual Meeting, and the cost that it takes to make it happen. I do hope this insider info helps explain at least part of what it takes to run SRNT! Thank you for letting me share this background.



Journal Editor's Report

Caitlin Notley, PhD, BSc

This year has been a year of change for the journal. We waved farewell to Marcus Munafo as Editor-in-Chief, who has served in this role for 10 years. On behalf of all of the *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* team, and the Society, a heartfelt thank you to Marcus for his great leadership, and for leaving the journal in such a healthy respected position, as the number one choice for publishing the science of many members of our society, and beyond.

To follow in the footsteps of Professor Munafo is somewhat intimidating, but I hope to continue all the excellent work he has led, and guide the journal through future challenges and opportunities. The journal is a true collaborative team effort. The input and dedication of our team of Deputy and Associate Editors is quite outstanding, and I am finding it a privilege to work with such highly experienced topic and methodological experts, who are all so incredibly efficient. In particular, Margaret Searle, the *N&TR* Managing Editor, is key to the journals success, with many years of knowledge and experience of journal processes and practices to learn from. At the end of 2024, we bid farewell to Adriaan Bruijnzeel from our Deputy Editor team, and Yael Bar Zeev, from the social media Editor role. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work in serving on the journal Editorial board. To find replacements, we held a successful recruitment drive, and welcomed Li Ming to the Editorial Board, and Sarah Jackson, who has taken on the crucial role as social media Editor.

A challenge the journal has continued to face in the last year is in our commitment to provide timely responses to authors, due to the difficulties in securing peer review. Peer review is the process through which we independently assess the scientific quality and merit of submissions to the journal. It can be a time-consuming process, both in securing reviewers, and giving sufficient time for review. This is not a problem unique to our journal, but one experienced across the scientific publishing community, and is a reflection of the increase in scientific reporting, as well as (in my view), a reflection on the increasingly busy and challenging lives of academics. Many of our Associate Editors spend considerable time selecting, inviting and supporting peer reviewers. We recognise the time and work involved in this and thank all our Associate Editor team. We also want to thank everyone who reviews for the journal. We are continuing to recognise this service to our field by awarding certificates to those who have provided the highest number of reviews. We would like to call on you all as our community to contribute to peer review - providing peer review is a vital and collegiate aspect of scientific endeavour - we couldn't continue to operate in the same way without it, so please do consider carefully invitations to review for the journal, and please get in touch if you are keen to take on reviews but have not yet been invited. Especially for early career researchers, peer review can be hugely insightful and educational in itself, as well as supporting colleagues and ensuring that we uphold the quality of the science published by our journal.

In this next year, I aim to review journal practices and policies, to ensure the journal grows and evolves as relevant to our changing scientific practices, publishing models and enabling us to be agile in our response to future changes. We will continue our approach of alignment to SRNT policy, but retain Editorial independence. In that respect, we have work ahead to keep abreast of the huge changes we are seeing in research and academic publishing. Making use of AI tools, considering carefully benefits and risks, is one example of how we need to be flexible and agile to stay ahead in the field. We will also continue to uphold the principle of transparency, promoting open research, and new and emergent dissemination approaches. We will be running staggered recruitment drives for Associate Editors with specific methodological expertise, and will be reviewing and updating our instructions for authors. My Editorial on person-first language (published online but in print for the May edition) makes a start at promoting positive and progressive change for the journal. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* is our society journal. Its success depends on your input and support. Thank you for welcoming me to the Editor-in-Chief role, and supporting me and the team in our endeavours to take the journal from strength to strength.



SRNT Europe

Sarah Jackson, PhD, President SRNT-E

There have been several changes to the SRNT-E board this year. We said goodbye and huge thanks to Marcus Munafò as Honorary Secretary in January 2024 and to Olivia Maynard as Member Delegate for Europe in March 2024. In their places, we welcomed Felix Naughton and Nicola Lindson, respectively. At our annual general meeting in September, we also said goodbye to Ute Mons, who stepped down after a long stint as Secretary, and Leonie Brose, who stepped down after her three-year presidency cycle. The presidency changed from Sharon Cox to Sarah Jackson and we welcomed Amanda Farley as our new President-Elect and Stephanie Klosterhalfen as our new Secretary. This means the current SRNT-E board consists of Sarah Jackson (President), Amanda Farley (President-Elect), Sharon Cox (Past President), Stephanie Klosterhalfen (Secretary), Yael Bar-Zeev (Treasurer), Floor van den Brand (Communications Officer), Nicola Lindson (Member Delegate for Europe) and Felix Naughton (Honorary Secretary).

As the 2024 SRNT conference was held in Edinburgh, UK, there was no SRNT-E conference this year (there is usually no separate SRNT-E conference when the main SRNT conference takes place in Europe). However, we hosted the conference dinner in Edinburgh which was a great success – the ceilidh band was a particular highlight of the conference for many attendees.

In place of an annual conference, we put on a free Autumn seminar with a focus on non-

combustible nicotine products, extending beyond e-cigarettes (talks covered heat-not-burn and nicotine pouch products). The event featured talks by four excellent speakers based at institutions in the UK, USA, Germany, and Israel. It was well-attended and received positive feedback. The talks are available on the SRNT-E YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@SRNTEresearch/videos>.

After a drop in previous years, SRNT-E membership numbers increased in 2023 and have remained stable in 2024 (at 168 members), even though no SRNT-E conference was held. Our financial situation remains stable. The board is looking into ways to increase membership, particularly outside of the UK, to boost representation of the excellent work in this field being conducted across Europe.

We are very much looking forward to the 2025 SRNT-E conference which will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania from 10th to 12th September 2025. We hope members will join us in this great city. More information is available at <https://srnt-e.org/>. Following the successful introduction of a new poster prize at the annual conference in 2023, we are planning to continue to offer this prize and introduce other awards (including an early career prize) in 2025. Due to the contract coming to an end with our current website provider and the coinciding development of SRNT's new webpage, we have been working with SRNT to amalgamate the SRNT-E webpage into the main SRNT website. Watch this space!



SRNT Oceania

Sarah Durkin (President), Richard Edwards (President-Elect) and Coral Gartner (Immediate Past President)

The tobacco and non-therapeutic nicotine product control policy space has been very dynamic in Australia, with several major national reforms that were announced in 2023 being implemented including:

- a ban on importation of disposable vaping products (1 January 2024) and stricter border controls requiring import licenses and permits for all vapes, with Australian Border Force actively monitoring and seizing illegal vapes at the border;
- a ban on importation of vaping products without a permit (1 March 2024);
- a complete ban on sales of all vaping products (regardless of nicotine content) by non-pharmacy retailers (1 July 2024); and
- changes that allow pharmacists to supply vaping products to adults (aged 18+yrs) with a nicotine concentration of 20 mg/mL or less (where state and territory laws allow), without a prescription after discussing with the pharmacist other cessation options, the product and dosage and providing proof of age (1 October 2024).
- people under 18 years and those who need higher nicotine than 20mg/mL concentration need a prescription to access vapes
- flavours are restricted to mint, menthol and tobacco and must be sold in plain pharmaceutical packaging

These changes were implemented in response to a large market of illegal nicotine-containing vaping products and increasing youth use. The previous regulations that allowed nicotine-free vaping products to be sold by general retailers under tobacco control laws had made monitoring and enforcement challenging for regulators because of the need to prove the products contained nicotine due to the absence of accurate labelling. Now, with all products restricted to pharmacy-based supply, identifying illegal supply is simplified.

Other reforms on tobacco packaging and constituents were passed through the Australian Parliament in 2024 and are due to begin rolling out in April 2025, and will be fully implemented from 1 July, 2025, including:

- a ban on flavours such as menthol and on other additives that make products more appealing
- the size of tobacco packs, pouches and cigarette sticks will be standardised
- attractive brand names that falsely imply less harm will no longer be allowed
- new refreshed pictorial health warnings and new health promotion inserts will be provided on and in tobacco packaging, and new on-stick warning messages will appear on the filters of cigarette sticks

Other sub-national reforms to address the issue of illegal retail sales of vapes and smoked tobacco products have included the implementation of tobacco retail licensing in the state of Queensland (1 September 2024)

and the announcement of similar schemes to be implemented soon in New South Wales and Victoria, which will then mean complete coverage of Australia with tobacco retail licensing.

SRNT-O members participated in activities to inform Australian policymakers of the evidence for such measures, such as appearing at Parliamentary Inquiries and through government advisory and reference group membership. A federal government led national tobacco and vaping campaign was also launched in early 2024, which was informed by SRNT members' research and advice.

In New Zealand, unfortunately the new coalition government proceeded with repealing the key 'endgame' measures (mandated denicotinisation, retailer reduction and smokefree generation policies) included in the 2022 smokefree legislation. This was despite determined advocacy from across the health sector and local communities, featuring leadership from many SRNT-O chapter members and with support from the international SRNT community. This action flew in the face of evidence that was mostly generated and/or collated by SRNT-O chapter members.

There have been some policy developments in 2024, mainly in the form of changes to the regulation of vaping and non-smoked tobacco products. For example, excise tax on heated tobacco products was reduced, a new bill introduced to Parliament proposing to ban disposable vapes, reducing the visibility of



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in-store and online displays and introducing stronger penalties for sales to minors. SRNT-O members have been prominent in making submissions and contributing to the public debate about the relative merits of these interventions.

A highlight for the Oceania chapter (SRNT-O) in 2024 was holding a face-to-face conference in May in Brisbane, Australia. This was only the second conference the chapter has held; the first was in late 2019 in Sydney (pre-Covid pandemic). The conference represented 8 months of organisation to plan the event, including call for abstracts and scoring, program finalisation, and event logistics. Early Bird Registrations opened 13 November 2023 and closed 29 February 2024. Standard Registrations opened 1 March and closed 10 May 2024. All attendees were required to abide by and agree to provided Terms and Conditions and a Code of Conduct Policy that excluded any participation from anyone affiliated with the tobacco or vaping industries. The event was also held without commercial sponsorship.

The conference was highly successful with 121 participants (114 in person and 7 online) from 13 countries attending the event (participants came from Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom, The United States of America and Zambia). Attendees represented a range of groups (University Researchers, colleagues from Hospital and Health Care settings, Not for Profit Organisation such as various state-based Cancer Councils, Charity organisations, and

government representatives). Very positive feedback was received on the quality of the research presentations.

The conference included keynote presentations from Māori and non-Māori researchers and public health professionals (Andrew Waa, Selah Hart, Chris Bullen and Richard Edwards) about the history of the Smokefree Aotearoa Action Plan, its subsequent repeal and future plans including how community organisations are working to regroup and support the New Zealand community.

The 2024 SRNT-O AGM marked the handover of the chapter presidency from Coral Gartner to Sarah Durkin. The chapter also welcomed the next president-elect, Richard Edwards, who has recently moved from University of Otago in Wellington, New Zealand to take up a position at Flinders University in Adelaide Australia in 2025.



Adolescent and Young Adult Network Network

Network Co-Chairs: Lauren Micalizzi, Ph.D. and John Lee, Ph.D.

No. of Members: 316

The Adolescent and Young Adult Network (previously “Adolescent Network”) was established in 2015. This year, Dr. Rachel Cassidy has rotated from the co-chair position, and Dr. Lauren Micalizzi has been appointed as a co-chair position, working with Dr. John Lee. Our 12-member AC has been actively engaged over the past year, meeting monthly via videoconference to plan activities and report on progress.

In addition to the two Chairs, AC members include: Drs. Jennifer Cornacchione Ross, Sarah Kowitt, Kathleen Garrison, MeLisa Creamer, Brenda Dimaya, Mariel Bello, Rachel Grana Mayne, Georges Khalil, and Kate Flint. We have also added an AC position, Trainee Liaison, whose role is to facilitate contact and collaboration with the Trainee Network and work to ensure trainee representation in the network. Network Operations Coordinators, Drs. Lysie Ranker and Anastasia Ferrell, facilitate the work of the AC and its subcommittees.

Subcommittees meet separately and report progress at each AC meeting. Our six subcommittees currently include:

- 1. Communications:** MeLisa Creamer (Co-Chair), Brenda Dimaya (Co-Chair)
- 2. Education/Training:** Georges Khalil (Co-Chair), Kate Flint (Co-Chair)

- 3. Annual Meeting/Program:** Kathleen Garrison & Olatokunbo Osibogun (Co-Chairs), Yvonne Prutzman, Jessica Rath, Dale Mantey, Rachel Grana Mayne, Jessica Liu (Subcommittee Operations Coordinator)
- 4. Membership:** Jennifer Cornacchione Ross (Co-Chair), Sarah Kowitt (Co-Chair), Maria Parker
- 5. Trainee Liaison:** Mariel Bello
- 6. Operations Coordinator:** Lysie Ranker (Co-Chair), Anastasia Ferrell (Co-Chair)

Network Member Meetings: We have hosted a network member meeting annually since 2016. Each year, we report on our past-year activities and provide a platform to solicit input from our members. This year, the member meeting was held virtually on April 2, 2024 and included over 20 attendees. We provided an overview of the network and activities from the previous year and had small group discussions about ways to engage members, increase membership, and increase diversity and inclusion within the network. Additionally, at the annual SRNT meeting, we also had a coffee hour event where we provided a brief overview of the network and had opportunities for networking and member recruitment.

Membership: We also successfully recruited 1 new AC member (Dr. Brenda Dimaya) and helped facilitate the transition of the network’s leadership (i.e., Lauren Micalizzi to Co-Chair).

Communications: This year, the membership subcommittee published 2 newsletters. The newsletters include member spotlights, and this year’s featured Drs. Elizabeth Do and Bukola Usidame, SRNT 2024 Poster Tour Awardees, and SRNT 2024 program co-chairs, Drs. Melissa Blank and Yael Bar-Zeev.

Education: We held a “Meet the Author” event on April 24, 2024, entitled: Young Adult Responses to Peer Crowd-Based Targeting in E-cigarette Advertisements.

Network Pre-Conference Workshops: The annual meeting subcommittee coordinated a network-sponsored pre-conference workshop at the 2024 annual meeting, entitled, “Navigating digital media to inform youth and young adult tobacco research.” This in-person event took place on March 20, 2024 and there were 40 attendees.

Network Poster Tour: The annual meeting subcommittee coordinated a poster tour at the 2024 meeting, highlighting outstanding researchers presenting their research on youth and young adult nicotine use. The poster tour was highlighted by SRNT at the meeting. Moreover, two of the award winners were highlighted in AYA Network Newsletter spotlights. Additionally, the annual meeting subcommittee produced and distributed a PDF virtual poster tour including brief interviews with highlighted researchers.



Basic Science Network

Network Co-Chairs: Jibran Khokhar, PhD, and Valeria Lallai, PhD

No. of Members: ~200

Functions of the Basic Science Network (BSN):

1. Meet the professional development needs of members.
2. Advise the Board and members on topical issues, research, and training goals.
3. Collaborate with and disseminate information to external organizations.
4. Undertake evidence-based projects investigating nicotine and tobacco.
5. Promote basic and preclinical science at the annual meeting.

Administrative Structure:

In 2024, Dr. Jibran Khokhar continued as co-chair of the BSN, while Dr. Valeria Lallai replaced Dr. Brandon Henderson. We are currently seeking new operations coordinators for the BSN.

Advisory Committee Members:

- Adriaan Bruijnzeel, PhD
- Brandon Henderson, PhD
- Imad Damaj, PhD
- Melissa Herman, PhD
- Merideth Addicott, PhD
- Rick Bevins, PhD
- Sairam Jabba, DVM, PhD
- Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD

In October 2024, our newly appointed trainee, Malia Bautista, joined Sairam Jabba, our social media outreach manager, to expand our presence on additional platforms and enhance visibility and communication efforts.

BSN-Sponsored Symposia Accepted for the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting:

The BSN sponsored the submission of three sessions that were accepted for the 2025 annual meeting in New Orleans:

- a. **(SYM8) WHAT HAPPENS IN ADOLESCENCE DOESN'T STAY IN ADOLESCENCE: IMPACT OF E-CIGARETTE USE ON BEHAVIOR, NEUROMECHANISMS, AND THERAPEUTIC EFFECTIVENESS.**
- b. **(PPS31) PRE-CLINICAL ADVANCES IN NICOTINE AND TOBACCO RESEARCH.**
- c. Additional sessions are approved but not reported.

Social Media:

We plan to expand to new platforms, including LinkedIn, Bluesky, and Instagram. We primarily highlight published research and achievements within the preclinical community. Additionally, we focus on policy issues closely linked to ongoing preclinical studies within the BSN.

Mentoring:

At the 2024 meeting, the BSN participated in the *It's Coffee* event. Several of our mentors have contacted their mentees and continued meetings throughout the year. We intend to continue this initiative as we recruit new mentors for the 2025 event.

Recruitment Hub:

The BSN has started maintaining an active list of preclinical laboratories actively recruiting students, trainees, or postdoctoral researchers. This list has facilitated connections between trainees and principal investigators as needed.

Upcoming Events for 2025:

- *It's Coffee* mentoring event at the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting
- BSN-sponsored symposia at the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting.
- 2025 proposal for a special *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* issue focused on synthetic coolants. Plans for a webinar related to the special issue on synthetic coolants.



Genetics & Omics Network

Megan Cooke, PhD and Chloe Burke, MRes

No. of Members: 70

The SRNT Genetics and Omics Network aims to capture the increasing activity in 'omics research for nicotine and tobacco (including but not limited to genomics, transcriptomics, epigenomics, metabolomics and proteomics), with particular focus on the clinical and translational relevance of 'omic discoveries.

The leadership of Genetics and Omics Network in 2024 has been Chloe Burke and Megan Cooke as co-chairs for the network, under the guidance of the Genetics and Omics Network advisory committee. As early career investigators, this has been an exciting opportunity for ECRs to develop leadership roles and bring new collaborations and ideas into the network.

2024 Highlights and Accomplishments

SRNT 2024 POSTER HIGHLIGHTS & NETWORK MEETING

At the SRNT 2024 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, we offered an online walking tour which highlighted some relevant research of interest to our network. We're pleased to say that this will be available again at SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. We also held our Network Meeting, during which we gained feedback and suggestions from attending members about activities they would like the network to pursue which included: fostering learning opportunities (e.g., webinars) and creating a more collaborative environment.

RECRUITED AND CONTINUING COORDINATORS

To continue the support for the goals of the Genetics and Omics Network and increase efficiency, we recruited a new Communications Coordinator in early 2024. Somy Hooshmand joined the network as Communications Coordinator and has been managing our social media accounts and publicizing events.

We extend our gratitude to Dr. Min-Ae Song and Shichen Zheng, who stepped down as Education Coordinator and Operations Coordinator in 2024 for their hard work in these roles.

We are actively recruiting volunteers for the roles of Education Coordinator and Operations Coordinator to support Network activities in the coming year. The Operations Coordinator schedules Advisory Committee and network-wide meetings, attends all meetings, and takes minutes. The Education Coordinator supports the organization of webinars and online events. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the Network co-chairs.

INCREASING OUR ONLINE PRESENCE AND REACH

As part of our goal to expand the broader visibility of the Genetics and Omics Network we have continued to promote our Twitter account (@GeneticsSRNT). If you would like to be featured in one of our Member Spotlights, please reach out to our Communications Coordinator or one of our co-chairs.

Spotlighted members can also select a published article to be discussed in a live Twitter Chat with our Communications Coordinator. We have recently created a LinkedIn profile (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13095617/>) for the network, which we encourage all our members to join to stay up to date with network events and member activities (e.g., publications, relevant training opportunities).

NETWORK EVENTS AND PROJECTS

In response to member feedback, we hosted an online webinar in November 2024 that focused on the use of genetic information to study the effects of tobacco use on health including challenges and future directions. The webinar introduced key methods (e.g., Genome Wide Association Studies, Polygenic Risk Score [PRS] and Mendelian randomization), in addition to considerations for conducting research within a triangulation framework to support robust causal inference. We hope to organize another methods-focused webinar in 2025 and welcome suggestions and feedback from our network members about topics they would like to see covered.

We are excited to announce a network organized symposium at the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting: 'Identifying Epigenetic Profiles Associated with Tobacco and Nicotine Use'. The symposium will present and discuss recent findings on epigenetic markers associated with tobacco and nicotine use across a range of samples.



Genetics & Omics Network

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In response to network member feedback, we would like to pursue collaborative network projects but require interest from sufficient members to support this. Although we are a smaller network, we have members with skills and experience in a wide range of genetically informative methods (e.g., Epigenome Wide Association Studies, family-based designs, Mendelian randomization) which provides a strong foundation for collaboration. If you have ideas for potential collaborative projects or would like to be involved in network-led research, please contact the co-chairs outlining your areas of interest and expertise.

Next Steps

Over the next year, our network plans to:

- Continue to highlight network activities and events via social media accounts
- Organize further learning opportunities via network webinars
- Support network members to develop and undertake collaborative projects
- Continue to boost our online presence via Twitter and LinkedIn
- Build new intra and inter network collaborations



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Ramzi Salloum, PhD and Raúl Mejía, MD

Leadership Structure

Co-Chairs

Ramzi Salloum, PhD and Raúl Mejía, MD

Network coordinator

Dima Bteddini

Subcommittees

- Education (Co-chairs: Catherine Egbe and Anna Wilkinson)
- Communications (Chair: Mansi Chopra)
- Outreach (Co-chairs: Ebbie Kalan and Rime Jebai)

Advisory Committee

The GRN Advisory Committee consists of 10 members: Mira Aghi, Monika Arora, Carla Berg, Chris Bullen, Joanna Cohen, Geoff Fong, Ryan Kennedy, Donna Shelley, Irina Stepanov, and James Thrasher.

Network Meetings

Refreshment breakout meeting: GRN held an informal networking coffee meeting during the SRNT Annual Meeting on March 22, 2023, in Edinburgh, Scotland, with a total of 25 attendees. The meeting was a great opportunity for GRN members to meet in person and discuss GRN initiatives.

Full-membership meetings: The GRN full-membership post-conference meeting took place via Zoom on April 25, 2024, with a total of 110 participants. During this meeting,

members reviewed the activities of GRN and its subcommittees over the past year, reviewed volunteer opportunities, and discussed upcoming events and new initiatives.

Sub-committee chairs meetings: The GRN co-chairs and sub-committee chairs scheduled monthly meetings for the period February 2024 – February 2025 and communicated frequently throughout the year to discuss specific issues related to the network operations. Ongoing and new initiatives, as per the GRN annual plan, were discussed during these meetings. Corresponding updates are reported below.

Network Communications

Newsletters: During this reporting period, the Communications Subcommittee disseminated 2 newsletters to SRNT members

Website and X account: The Communications Subcommittee is continuously updating the GRN webpage to present information about change in leadership, subcommittees and advisory committee members and provide relevant links and information for upcoming webinars and conferences. The Communications Subcommittee is also keeping the GRN X account (@GlobalSRNT) active by posting relevant material including publications' highlights, and events' announcements. The Communications Subcommittee has also started a LinkedIn account for the network.

Mentorship Program

- GRN started the Mentorship Program initiative in 2023. The main objective of this program is to support early-career researchers in the field of tobacco-related global research from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) through connecting them to mid-career researchers to guide ongoing or new research in areas of mutual interest. Expenses of the program are covered by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.
- For this reporting period, two mentees were awarded and participated in the mentoring program: Tran Thi Phuong Thao (Vietnam; Mentor: Dr. Steven H. Kelder), and Afolabi Oyapero (Nigeria; Mentor: Mohammed Ebrahimi Kalan). This 1-year mentorship program included travel scholarship, where both awardees attended and presented at SRNT 2024. Both participants continued to follow-up with their selected mentors throughout the year.

SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

R13 Conference Grant:

- In 2024, GRN received R13 Conference Grant from the National Cancer Institute to support SRNT 2024 Pre-Conference Workshop by providing travel awards to 6 LMIC-based researchers from 6 different countries across Asia, Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, and Latin America Regions (5 of whom attended SRNT for the first time).



Global Research Network

Network Chairs: Ramzi Salloum, PhD and Raúl Mejía, MD

- GRN will be receiving another R13 grant, which was submitted in April 2024 by 3 MPIs: Dr. Ramzi Salloum, Dr. Jim Thrasher, and Dr. Donna Shelley. The GRN applied for this conference grant in order to elevate the visibility of global tobacco control research and implementation science at the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, LA.

SRNT 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop:

- GRN submitted a pre-conference workshop proposal for the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA entitled “Implementation Science to Enhance the Impact of Global Tobacco Control Strategies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries”.
- The proposal was approved, and the workshop is scheduled for March 12, 2025.
- This pre-conference workshop will continue to build capacity, with a focus on LMIC investigators, to apply implementation research methods to advance implementation of evidence-based tobacco cessation and policy interventions across different health system and policy settings, with a particular focus on low-resource settings. It will feature roundtable discussions, led by LMIC-based researchers, about challenges faced and lessons learned in implementation research projects.

Travel scholarship

- On December 2024, GRN disseminated a call for travel scholarship to attend the SRNT 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA which aims to support investigators in LMICs working in global tobacco control and to build their capacity to conduct dissemination and implementation research that is relevant and impactful in low resource contexts.
- The GRN Steering Committee selected 5 LMIC-based researchers out of the 22 applications that were received.

Webinars and Workshops

1. SRNT 2024 Pre-Conference Workshop
 - With NCI R13 funding for the first time, the GRN organized a Pre-conference Workshop on March 20, 2024, during the SRNT 2024 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, entitled “Dissemination and Implementation Research in Global Tobacco Control: Bridging the Gap between Research, Practice, and Policy”, with 50 registered participants, half of them being LMIC participants.
 - The pre-conference workshop was facilitated by members from the GRN leadership team (Ramzi Salloum, Catherine O. Egbe, Donna Shelley, Anna V. Wilkinson, Lekan Ayo-Yusuf, Geoffrey Fong, James Thrasher), and NCI (Mark Parascandola). It included presentations by the 6 LMIC-based travel awardees (Nigeria,

Lebanon, Zambia, Libya, Argentina, Vietnam) who presented their global tobacco control dissemination and implementation research. The workshop was organized into two sessions: 1) Implementation of tobacco cessation treatment, and ii) Tobacco control policy implementation.

- Evaluation: Among pre-conference workshop participants, 86% indicated the content was relevant to their research needs, 83% indicated the workshop will be helpful when developing future research, 72% agreed that implementation theories and frameworks covered in the workshop were applicable to their current research projects, 76% plan to integrate the workshop content into their current research, 76% plan to integrate theories and concepts from the workshop to develop their next research project, 82% plan to include knowledge gained from the workshop in future grant applications, and 86% plan to inform colleagues about the importance of conducting dissemination and implementation research.



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2. Webinar: *“Tobacco Cessation among Special Populations in Low- and Middle-Income Countries”*, on June 4, 2024.
 - Speakers: Dr. Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf, Dr. Thanh Bui, Dr. Eve Nagler
 - Participants: 27 Registered, 17 Attended
 - Description: This webinar featured three expert speakers who discussed smoking cessation among special populations in LMICs through sharing implementation processes and challenges from their projects as well as available project results. Dr. Ayo-Yusuf addressed smoking cessation among people living with tuberculosis in LMICs. Dr. Bui reviewed a pilot randomized controlled trial that aims to adapt and evaluate the efficacy of the mobile health intervention (mHealth) to tobacco cessation in the People’s Democratic Republic of Lao. Dr. Nagler presented results from an evidence-based tobacco control intervention in India designed for teachers, called the Tobacco-Free Teachers/Tobacco-Free Society (TFT-TFS) program.
3. Webinar: *“SRNT Travel Scholars report on innovative research from around the world”*, on October 16, 2024.
 - Speakers: 5 SRNT Travel Scholars
 - Participants: 32 Registered/ 38 Attended
 - Description: This webinar was co-sponsored by the GRN and the Health

Equity Network (HEN). It highlighted innovative global tobacco control research from 2024 SRNT Travel Scholars. Dr. Fagbule, a community dentist at the University College Hospital in Nigeria, presented work highlighting the challenges and opportunities to providing tobacco cessation treatment in Nigeria. Ko Ko, a public health professional from Research for Equity presented work understanding Asian adolescent vaping in New Zealand from 2014-2022. Dr. Kabakian-Khasholian, an associate professor at the Department of Health Promotion and Community Health at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, discussed the Phone Enabled Implementation Cessation Support (PHOENICS) study. Dr. Aboaziza, a physician-scientist at the University of Benghazi in Libya, outlined tobacco control policy implementation in Libya. Dr. Tran, a postdoctoral research associate at Georgia State University, discussed research examining tobacco and alcohol content in top Vietnamese YouTube Music Videos.

Other items:

- Leadership updates: As Dr. Ramzi Salloum began serving in this capacity in 2022, he will complete his term in March 2025. Dr. Catherine Egbe (Current GRN Education Subcommittee co-chair) will serve as the

incoming co-chair alongside Dr. Raúl Mejía starting in March 2025.

- Dr. Catherine Egbe, co-chair of the GRN Education subcommittee, was selected for the 2025 Class of SRNT Fellows, reflecting her commitment to service - both to the field of tobacco research and to SRNT.
- Latin America group: GRN is considering a new Latin American special interest group and has started gauging interest from members who live/work in Latin America, as well as researchers from Latin American countries working, through a survey that was shared by SRNT.
- Dr. David L. Ashley, co-chair of the Products Standards subcommittee of the SRNT Policy and Regulatory Science Network, joined GRN meeting as a guest speaker in December 2024. He presented on the development of summary documents of the science related to tobacco product standards, and discussed potential collaboration with GRN members.
- Volunteering opportunities: GRN reached out to SRNT members who expressed interest in volunteering with GRN. 4 volunteers joined (Wei Li: Outreach subcommittee and Education subcommittee; Lucas Peretti: Communications subcommittee; Ana Carolina de Lima Bovo: Education subcommittee; Desiree Vidaña: Communications subcommittee).



Health Equity Network

Network Chairs: Dana Carroll, PhD, MPH and Andy Tan, PhD

No. of Members: 525

The vision of the Health Equity Network is to stimulate the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning tobacco-related disparities across the translational spectrum – from molecular to societal. The mission of the Network is to serve as the infrastructure to bring the state of the health disparities science to the SRNT community, and to build capacity among investigators and trainees to understand and eliminate these disparities.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Co-chairs:

Dana Carroll, PhD, MPH, University of Minnesota
Andy Tan, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Operations coordinator:

Erin Mead-Morse, PhD, University of Connecticut Health Center

Program Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

LaTrice Montgomery*, PhD, University of Cincinnati (*stepped down in July 2024)
Jaimee Heffner, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Danielle Davis, PhD, Yale University
Melissa Little, PhD, University of Virginia
Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, University of Kentucky

Operations coordinator:

Margaret Fahey, PhD, Medical University of South Carolina

Volunteers: Erika Trapl, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

Scholarship & Development Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

Sam Cwalina, PhD, FDA
Jin Kim-Mozeleski, PhD, Case Western Reserve University
Babalola Faseru*, MD, MPH, University of Kansas (*stepping down in March 2025)
Afsheen Hasan*, PhD, MPH, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - prior affiliation (*stepped down end of 2024)

Operations coordinator:

Mariel Bello, PhD, Brown University

Volunteers: None

Evaluation Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

Sydney Martinez*, PhD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (*stepped down mid-2024)
Merideth Addicott*, PhD, Wake Forest University (*stepped down mid-2024)
Rachel Denlinger-Apte*, PhD, Wake Forest University (*stepped down mid-2024)
Lauren Czaplicki, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society

Operations coordinator:

Lauren Czaplicki*, PhD, Johns Hopkins University (*became subcommittee co-chair mid-2024)

Volunteers:

Vita Mithi, American College of Medical Toxicology
George Kypriotakis PhD, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Wura Jacobs, PhD, Indiana University
Olatokunbo Osibogun PhD, Florida International University
Tres Hinds PhD, The University of Texas at Austin
Kavita Mosalpuria PhD, University of Utah
Lilian Phan PhD, Drexel University
Doug Levy PhD, Harvard University
Danusha Selva Kumar MA PhD(c), Fordham University

Communications Subcommittee:

Co-chairs:

Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society
Justin Byron, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sarah Cha, MSPH, Truth Initiative

Spotlights Operations Coordinators:

Julia Chen-Sankey*, PhD, Rutgers University (stepped down mid-2024)
Irene Peridot-Valverde, PhD, Clemson University



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LinkedIn Operations Coordinator:
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Newsletter Operations Coordinator:
Wura Jacobs, PhD, Indiana University

Volunteers:
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Joshua Sinamo, University of Michigan

At-Large Non-North American Member:
Kate Frazer, PhD, University College Dublin

Working Groups:
LGBTQ Work Group co-chairs:
Juhan (John) Lee, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Tres Hinds, PhD, University of Houston

Medical Comorbidities Work Group co-chairs:
Andrea Weinberger, PhD, Yeshiva University
Kavita Mosalpuria, MBBS, MHA, PhD, East Carolina University

Tobacco Industry Interference Work Group members:
Shyanika Rose, PhD, MA, University of Kentucky
Andy Tan, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Priti Bandi, PhD, American Cancer Society
Raglan Maddox, PhD, Australian National University
Micah Berman, JD, Ohio State University
Lauren Czaplicki, PhD, Johns Hopkins University

Babalola Faseru, MD, MPH, University of Kansas
Kate Frazer, PhD, University College Dublin
Kelvin Choi, PhD, National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities

2024 NETWORK GOALS

1. Advisory Committee
 - a. Advocate for health equity.
2. Program subcommittee
 - a. Organize webinars on health equity research aiming for 2-3 in the next calendar year
 - b. Facilitate SRNT symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.
3. Scholarship & Development subcommittee
 - a. Facilitate the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program
 - b. Restart and develop a more secure funding stream for our HEN travel scholarship program
4. Evaluation subcommittee
 - a. Conduct evaluation of SRNT Pre Conference workshops
 - b. Evaluate the HEN travel scholarship program
 - c. Evaluate the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program
5. Communications subcommittee
 - a. Expand social media presence and re-evaluate our choice of platforms as needed
 - b. Circulate a monthly/quarterly newsletter for our members to include publications and other content

- c. Highlight HEN members in spotlights to showcase members' work and contributions

ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

This year we continued to actively engage our members in our efforts to stimulate the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning tobacco-related health equity and to bring health equity science to the SRNT community. In addition, we focused on soliciting and making nominations for the Pebbles Fagan Health Equity Award, Jarvik-Russell Award, New Mira Aghi LMIC Award, John Slade Award, and SRNT Fellows, and will focus more on the Ferno Clinical Research Award in the future.

Our network also started/continued several special projects this year. We continue to work on implementation of the recommendations by the HEN Racial Equity Workgroup to align our network practices and processes with the recommendations laid out by the SRNT Racial Equity Taskforce. As part of a workgroup, several members published an invited editorial in Nicotine and Tobacco Research regarding industry influence in that journal and participated in society-led listening sessions regarding its Core Organizational Values (see below). The LGBTQ+ work group (launched in 2023) continues to be active and productive (see below). We also launched a new workgroup focused on Medical Comorbidities, which is highly active (see below).



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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Conduct at least 2 webinars aimed at enhancing health equity.

Webinar #1: Travel Scholars report on innovative research from around the world

- Date: 10/16/24
- Moderated by Ebbie Kalan and Rime Jebai
- Presenters:
 - Ko-Ko, MPH, Community Partner International (CPI), New Zealand
 - Omotoya Fracis Fagbule, DDS, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria
 - Tamar Kabakian-Khasholia, PhD, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
 - Eiman Aboazia, MD, University of Benghazi, Libya
 - Thao Tran, PhD, Georgia State University
- Outcomes:
 - Co-sponsored with the Global Research Network
 - 32 registered, 38 attended

Webinar #2: “HEN Racial Equity Workgroup Report”

- Date: 6/21/24
- Presenters:
 - Dr. Marsha Tan, Assistant Professor, University of Chicago
 - Dr. Joshua Yang, Professor of Public Health, California State University
- Outcomes:
 - Report of the Racial Equity Workgroup
 - 27 attendees and representation from each SRNT Network
 - There was enthusiasm among the attendees to continue the conversation and a suggestion to potentially revisit this webinar in a year to share progress.

Goal #2: Facilitate SRNT 2025 symposium and pre-conference workshop submissions.

The Program Subcommittee co-chairs hosted a program call in June 2024 to coordinate submissions. Several ideas were proposed and discussed and multiple groups were connected for symposiums with 18 potential symposia topics discussed and speakers connected. Additionally, a pre-conference workshop is being sponsored by the Health Equity Network, entitled “Pre-Conference Workshop #2: Co-Design as a Community-Engaged Tool for Developing Culturally Relevant Tobacco Interventions: Experiential Training and Case Studies from Work with Priority Populations.”

The Program committee is in progress with determining which of the discussed symposia at the June 2025 call were accepted. At this time, we have confirmed four symposium discussed at this call were accepted as symposia and one as individual presentations.

1. SYMPOSIUM 17: Advancing Theory in Sexual and Gender Minority Tobacco Research: Where We Are and Where to Go from Here (2025 SRNT)
2. SYMPOSIUM 6: ADDRESSING COMMERCIAL TOBACCO IN DIVERSE RURAL COMMUNITIES: STRATEGIES, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS
3. SYMPOSIUM 14: RECOGNIZING UNMET SOCIAL NEEDS AMONG TOBACCO USE PRIORITY POPULATIONS TO REDUCE TOBACCO-RELATED HEALTH DISPARITIES: CURRENT RESEARCH AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS
4. SYMPOSIUM 16: CANNABIS, NICOTINE, AND MENTAL HEALTH: EXPLORING PATTERNS, PERCEPTIONS, AND MECHANISMS
5. NICOTINE REDUCTION STANDARD - (accepted as individual presentations)

The Network is also highlighting a list of trainee health equity abstracts to disseminate to SRNT conference attendees this year to help recognize HEN posters at the annual meeting.



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Scholarship & Development Subcommittee Report

Goal #1: Facilitate the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program.

This professional development program facilitates meetings between mentors and mentees during the SRNT annual meetings. The committee recruited mentors and paired them with early-career researchers within the Network to meet in person during the 2024 SRNT Annual Meeting. We successfully held an in-person mentoring program at SRNT 2024. We had 7 mentees matched with 5 mentors that met during the conference. The participation rate was lower than most years because of the location of the meeting being outside of the U.S. (Scotland), and because we did not administer the HEN Travel Scholarship, as the travel scholars participate in this program.

At the time of this report, the co-chairs and operations coordinators of the subcommittee are organizing the program for the 2025 SRNT annual meeting. The subcommittee is currently gathering offers of mentorship from senior SRNT members and plans to match as many as possible with mentees. Each matched pair will schedule an in-person or virtual meeting on their own, and mentors will have a maximum of two mentees during the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting.

The subcommittee worked with the Evaluation subcommittee on an evaluation plan to assess

the perceived impact of the program over time among mentees and mentors.

The subcommittee continues to assist the other SRNT networks to hold their own respective *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program. As a result of these efforts, which included meetings with other networks and development of a detailed standard operating procedure for the other networks to coordinate their own program, and facilitating the main emails to SRNT to recruit individuals as mentor or mentees to each network's own program, there were four tracks offered for the program for the 2024 SRNT annual meeting: a health equity track hosted by our Network, a basic science track hosted by the SRNT Basic Science Network, a policy track hosted by the SRNT Policy Network, and a treatment track hosted by the SRNT Treatment Research Network. This year, we are working with the SRNT Policy Network, Basic Science Network, and Treatment Research Network.

Goal #2: Continue to secure funding for our travel scholarships

This program provides funding for trainees and early-career investigators working in health disparities research and/or from an underrepresented population to travel to the SRNT annual meetings. For the 2024 SRNT annual meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, we paused our travel scholarship for US-based scholars. We secured funding to support two scholars from LMICs. As we have typically not been able to fund scholars for international

meetings, we were thrilled to be able to identify funding for scholars for this meeting, with a focus on LMIC scholars. After the 2024 conference, we resumed fundraising and planning for the 2025 conference in New Orleans. At the time of this reporting, we are pleased to report that we will fund 17 travel scholars for the 2025 conference, of whom two are from LMICs. To our knowledge, this is the highest number of travel scholars that were ever supported in a given year since the start of this program, and marks the third year in a row that we have supported LMIC scholars. We continue to discuss possibilities for more secure funding streams, e.g., considering the pros and cons of planning, writing, and submitting a multi-year conference grant.

Evaluation Subcommittee Report

- a. Conduct evaluation of SRNT Pre Conference workshops
- b. Describing collaborations among HDN pre-conference workshops attendees
- c. Evaluate the *It's Just Coffee* mentoring program

Goal #1: Evaluate SRNT HEN pre-conference workshops.

An evaluation was conducted for the Pre-Conference Workshop titled "Conducting Research on LGBTQ+ Tobacco Use in High-Stigma Environments" was conducted at the SRNT Annual Meeting. An infographic was created to display results of the evaluation.



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We received 14 responses, and on average, participants rated the quality of the workshop a 4.43 out of 5. Participants reported learning new concepts of spatial stigma, intersectionality, and structural minority stress framework. Results of the evaluation were presented at the December 2024 AC meeting.

Goal #2: Evaluate the impact of the HEN Travel Scholarship program.

In 2024, the Evaluation Subcommittee began discussions with the Scholarship & Development committee to understand past HEN Travel Scholarship program evaluation and needs for a future evaluation. Work is ongoing to revise the past evaluation tool in collaboration with the Scholarship & Development committee to capture the ‘stickiness’ of the HEN Travel Scholarship program. Outcomes will be related to awardee participation in SRNT, in HEN activities, and any leadership roles, as well as the extent to which they remain involved in tobacco control and health equity research activities.

Goal #3: Evaluate the It’s Just Coffee program.

The Evaluation committee has been working in collaboration with the Scholarship & Development subcommittee to conduct a long-term evaluation of the It’s Just Coffee (IJC) Program. Discussions have focused around the overall goals and purpose of the evaluation, which has been determined to focus on factors

influencing participation in the program, ways participants utilized the IJC mentor time, satisfaction with the program, and any long-term follow up with mentors or outcomes from the meeting. After much discussion of how to approach the evaluation, a survey was drafted, IRB application submitted and approved, and the survey was fielded in early 2024. Data analysis is ongoing and results in the form of an infographic will be shared. A manuscript discussing these findings is planned.

Communications Subcommittee Report

Overview:

In 2024, we conducted bi-monthly planning meetings. The team regularly disseminates products that facilitate information sharing and collaboration among the Network members. To this effect we have expanded our communication efforts considerably including:

1. Sharing findings of the 2023 survey on member communication preferences with the SRNT Board, HEN Advisory Committee, and other HEN subcommittees
2. Launching a new social media channel [SRNT HEN LinkedIn page](#) on January 5, 2024 (and ending our Twitter postings on December 31, 2023) based on the results of the communication preferences survey
3. Continuing our member Spotlight series
4. Producing a monthly newsletter (“SRNT Equity Publications & More Newsletter”)

5. Integrating communications by promoting our internal products (member Spotlights, It’s Just Coffee Spotlights, the newsletter) on our social media channels and promoting our social media channel on all internal communications.

Goal #1: Expand social media presence and re-evaluate our choice of platforms as needed.

Twitter: The Communications Subcommittee launched @DisparitiesSRNT (renamed @EquitySRNT with the renaming of the network to HEN, (<https://twitter.com/EquitySRNT>), the official Twitter channel for our network in May 2021. Postings were managed by Julia Chen-Sankey and Andrea Weinberger. After looking at the results of the HEN Communication Preferences Survey (see below), the Communications Subcommittee unanimously decided to end our Twitter/X account on 12/31/23 and move to LinkedIn.

LinkedIn: We followed these plans and, in 2024, began announcing our new LinkedIn account ([SRNT HEN LinkedIn Page](#)). Postings began January 5, 2024 and are managed by Andrea Weinberger and Brenda Dimaya. Our LinkedIn page has 544 followers as of January 14, 2025. We use this page to regularly provide original content related to health disparities that may be of interest to our membership. We also use LinkedIn to announce webinars, meetings, deadlines, and other relevant information. This initiative aimed to increase member engagement and information dissemination.



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Goal # 2: Circulate a monthly/quarterly newsletter for our members to include publications and other content.

We continue to publish our monthly newsletter entitled “SRNT Equity Publications & More Newsletter.” The newsletter primarily highlights new health equity journal publications, categorized by populations of interest. It also includes information on webinars, funding announcements, or events that may interest members. The newsletter is shared on the Network listserv and LinkedIn. The newsletter continues to receive positive feedback from members and SRNT leadership.

Goal # 3: Highlight HEN members in spotlights to showcase members’ work and contributions

Spotlights are profiles and Q&As of a Network member highlighting their work advancing the field of tobacco-related health disparities. The Spotlights are shared through the email listserv, Twitter, and the network webpage. In 2024, we showcased previous travel scholarship recipients (Drs. Rachel Rosen and Dana Rubenstein), the two LMIC travel scholar recipients for the 2024 annual meeting (Drs. Phindile Ngobese and Ko Ko), and featured spotlights of current HEN AC members (Drs. Mariel Bello, Danielle Davis, Margaret Fahey).

Other activities:

Early in 2024, the Communications Subcommittee shared the findings from the 2023 Communications survey with the SRNT Board and other network leaders. Subcommittee members also provided assistance as requested from other networks re: communications needs.

The Communications Subcommittee also works with SRNT leadership, the Advisory Committee, and other subcommittees in maintaining the public-facing and members-only sections of the SRNT website.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

LGBTQ+ Workgroup

The goal of this workgroup is to promote health equity in LGBTQ+ populations while reducing tobacco-related health disparities. The mission of the LGBTQ+ workgroup is to foster collaboration and promote tobacco research related to LGBTQ+ populations while creating a research and professional hub for tobacco researchers and health professionals who conduct LGBTQ-related research and who identify themselves as LGBTQ+ individuals.

The following individuals have been seated on the committee:
Co-Chairs: Dr. Juhan Lee (Albert Einstein College of Medicine), Dr. Tres Hinds (University of Houston)

Members:

- Amal Khayat
- Afsheen Hasan
- Onyinye Omega-Njemnobi
- M. Justin Byron
- Tres Hinds
- Bonnie Halpern-Felsher
- Jessica Barrington-Trimis
- Angela Brumley-Shelton
- Nathan Harrison
- Christina Sun
- Mariel Bello
- Daimarelys
- Heather Kimmel
- Jaimee Heffner
- Francisco Cartujano
- Shadi Nahvi
- Daniel Giovenco
- Urvi Binjrajka
- Dale Maglalang
- Mary Andrews
- Karin Rudolph
- Christina Sun
- Raymond Ruiz
- Tamara Stimatze
- Joseph Lee
- Willa Dong
- Nathalie Gutierrez
- Andrea Weinberger
- Alyssa Harlow
- Maria Anwar
- Evan Krueger
- Luisa Kcomt



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Erin Vogel
Julia McQuoid
Francisco Cartujano
Alexandria Andrayas
James Croker
Bryan McColgan
Meghan Morean
Murat Hosgor
Natacha DeGenna
Robert Fairman
Marshall Cheney
Bruce Wheeler
Chris Bullen
Joanne Patterson

The workgroup has ongoing projects, including a scoping review paper on utilizing theoretical models on tobacco control measures for LGBTQ+ individuals (In Prep), a commentary on LGBTQ+ appropriate, inclusive language for LGBTQ+ nicotine and tobacco research (In Press), and another commentary on high stigmatizing environments affect LGBTQ+ tobacco use (In Press; presented as a pre-conference workshop in 2024 SRNT). We are also planning an informal gathering of the working group (and interested members) at SRNT 2025 to attract more international members and re-energize ongoing efforts. The efforts will continue through the 2025-2026 calendar year.

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Medical Comorbidities Workgroup

The purpose of this workgroup, started in 2024, is to highlight and promote research on tobacco use and medical morbidities (e.g., through SRNT conference submissions and other group projects related to tobacco use and medical comorbidity research) and connect researchers conducting research on tobacco use and medical morbidities. The co-chairs of the group were Dr. Andrea Weinberger (Yeshiva University) and Dr. Kavita Mosalpuria (East Carolina University). The workgroup

submitted two symposia for the SRNT 2025 meeting: one was accepted for presentation as a symposium (“Novel translational research on pain and tobacco use: Examining relationships from laboratory to clinical research”) while the abstracts from the other submission (focused on leveraging large datasets to understand medical comorbidities and tobacco use) were accepted as poster presentations. Additional ongoing efforts included: preparing a list of medical comorbidity content that will be presented at the SRNT meeting to distribute to members, discussing potential submissions for SRNT 2026 and other projects, and working to bring together researchers with common research interests.

Tobacco Industry Interference Workgroup

We developed a workgroup emerging from the Health Equity Network Advisory Committee’s concerns about the publication of JUUL-authored and funded articles in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* contrary to journal and SRNT policies. As invited by Editor-in-Chief Marcus Munafo, we published an editorial regarding these issues in *NTR*: <https://academic.oup.com/ntr/article/26/8/963/7664584>. Following the invited editorial, members of the workgroup attended an invited listening session with the SRNT Board and additional SRNT members’ listening sessions with Dr. Ben Toll.



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**ADDITIONAL INTEGRATION/
COLLABORATION ACROSS SRNT**

We are working with the Global Health Network to pass along the names of potential travel LMIC scholars for the 2025 SRNT annual meeting. These will be candidates for the HEN travel scholars program who are not selected.

ONWARDS...

We are very thankful for all the advisory committee members, operations coordinators, other volunteers, speakers, and network members who volunteered their time and effort to make 2024 a meaningful and successful year for the SRNT Health Equity Network. We will match these efforts moving onward, facilitating innovative science and disseminating findings to reduce and eliminate tobacco use disparities globally. We look forward to meeting with our members during the 2025 meeting. We also wish that all of you stay well and safe, and we will continue to strive for health equity, together.





SRNT Policy and Regulatory Science Research Network

Network Co-chairs: Shannon Gravely, PhD; Scott Leischow, PhD; Katherine East, PhD

No. of Members: 445

Mission Statement: To foster collaboration and researcher development on, and dissemination of, nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science, with the purpose of providing scientific evidence to researchers, clinicians, policymakers, regulators, and the public that can inform decision-making to improve global population health.

The PRSN's charge is to:

- Provide networking, educational, and professional development opportunities for SRNT members and SRNT Networks working in the area of nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.
- Dissemination of evidence to researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and regulators about effective nicotine and tobacco policy and regulation strategies that have the potential to improve global population health (e.g., reducing smoking prevalence). Provide guidance to the SRNT Board and committees as necessary to better inform programs and/or discussions that are relevant to nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.
- Undertake project initiatives that contribute to the evidence base that is relevant to nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.

- Foster communication and collaboration with relevant global organizations to advance the role of SRNT as a global partner regarding nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.
- Implementation of working groups within the PRSN to address priority areas in nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science.
- Support and foster engagement and involvement of new scientists and researchers interested in nicotine and tobacco policy research and regulatory science, with specific focus on, and support for, under-represented populations and outreach to LMIC countries.

Summary: 2024 was a very successful year for our newly re-organized network, which prior to April 2024, was named the *Policy Research Network (PRN)*. In 2023, The Tobacco Regulatory Science (TRS) Working Group was formed under the PRN; however, after the re-alignment of the Network, TRS now plays a more central role. The PRSN was reorganized into following subcommittees: (1) the Education; (2) Communication (including social media and a writing team); (3) Ontology; and (4) Product Standards. As of May 2025, the Network was official renamed as the Policy and Regulatory Science Research Network.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Leadership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Shannon Gravely (Jan 2023 - Mar 2025); Scott Leischow (Jan 2024 - Mar 2025); Katherine East (Jan 2024 - Mar 2026)
- **Operations Coordinators (AC):** Augustus (Gus) White; Nicolle Krebs
- **Advisory Committee (AC):** Roberta Lemos; Andrew Barnes; Jessica Barrington-Trimis; Martin Dockrell; Olufemi Erinoso; Geoffrey Fong; Loren Kock; Doug Levy; Alex Liber; Susan Kaai; Christina Kyriakos; Andrew Seidenberg; David Ashely; Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf; Megan Roberts; Andrew Barnes, Martin Dockrell, Andrew Seidenberg, Christina Kyriakos, Olufemi Erinoso, Geoffrey Fong, Doug Levy, Susan Kaai, Scott Leischow, Jessica Barrington-Trimis, Shaoying Ma
- **Education:** Alex Liber (co-chair); Loren Kock (co-chair); Christina Kyriakos (co-chair); Amal Khayat; Elise DeVito; Caroline Fuss; Rachel Denlinger-Apte; Darren Mays; Francis Fagbule; Melissa Mercincavage; Katelyn Romm; Zoe Swithenbank; Nigar Nargis; Joe Gitchell
- **Communications:** Nicolle Krebs (overall lead); Roberta Freitas-Lemos (operations coordinator); Megan Roberts (writing team co-lead); Geoffrey Fong (writing team co-lead); Nicole Lee (social media); Page Dobbs (LinkedIn manager); Stephanie Fincham-Campbell (spotlight writer); Olufemi Erinoso (bulletin manager).



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Members include: Sabrina Islam; Darren Mays; Amal Khayat; Jim Thrasher; Justin Byron; Alexander Sokolovsky; Paul Harrell; Francis Fagbule; Melissa Mercincavage; Erika Trapl; Ziyad Ben Taleb; Kylie Morphet; Clive Bates; Ahmad El Hellani; Ollie Ganz; Dana Rubenstein; Joe Gitchell; Ian Fearon; Roberta Freitas-Lemos; Andrew Strasser; Katelyn Romm; Olivia Wackowski; Bonnie Halpern-Fisher; Cathy Backinger; Hasmeena Kathuria; Jennifer Unger; Maansi Bansal-Travers; Michelle Jeong; Olatokunbo Osibogun; Jennifer Brown; Shannon Gravely, Dana Carroll; Erin Sutfin

- **Ontology:** Sharon Cox (co-lead); Melissa Blank (co-lead); Roberta Freitas-Lemos (operations coordinator); Jasjit Ahluwalia; Joshua Yang; Michael Chaiton; Justin Byron; Alexander Sokolovsky; Francis Fagbule; Katherine East Ziyad Ben Taleb; Clive Bates; Joe Gitchell; Jennifer Unger; Zoe Swithenbank
- **Product Standards:** David Ashley (co-lead); Lekan Ayo-Yusuf (co-lead); Roberta FreitasLemos (operations coordinator); Elly Leavens; Mikhail Koffarnus; Rachel Denlinger-Apte; Ebbie Kalan; Joshua Yang; Krysten Bold; Ken Warner; Cristine Delnevo; Eleanore Hansen; Michael Chaiton; Paul Harrell; Omotayo Fagbule; Geoffrey Fong; Melissa Mercincavage; Erika Trapl; Ziyad Ben Taleb; Kylie Morphet; Clive Bates; Ahmad El Hellani; Ollie Ganz;

Dana Rubenstein; Joe Gitchell; Ian Fearon; Andrew Strasser; Melissa Blank; Jessie Jensen; Eric Donny; Dorothy Hatsukami; Reinskje Talhout; Mitch Zeller; Ted Wagener; Marielle Brinkman; Tracy Smith; Christina Kyriakos; Jim Thrasher; Jenny Brown; Nigar Nargis; Richard Edwards; Victor Lasebikan; Eva Ampuerio; Sairam Jabba; Elias Klemperer; Vaughan Rees; Jim Thrasher

- **SRNT-U Liaison:** Christina Kyriakos
- **Trainee Network liaison:** Nicolle Krebs

2024 NETWORK ACTIVITIES
With support and guidance from our Network Advisory Committee, our subcommittees, and our Operations Coordinators, our activities for the year 2024 have included:

Network structure, name, and scope

- In 2024, we significantly expanded our network in terms of structure and scope, and also changed the name of the network to reflect this: from *Policy Research Network* to *Policy and Regulatory Science Network*.
- We bought on a third co-chair, Dr. Scott Leischow, who founded the Regulatory Science Working Group and elevated regulatory science within the network.
- We established two new sub-committees: Ontology and Product Standards.
- We also established a new Writing Team which is part of the Communications Subcommittee.
- We updated the Network's charge (see above) to also include regulatory science.

- We launched these changes to the Network following our 2024 Virtual Members Meeting on April 12th, 2024.

Network Management

- Bi-monthly meetings with our Network Advisory Committee to discuss emerging issues or opportunities, provide input into subcommittee activities, monitor progress and discuss ideas for the upcoming year.
- Regular subcommittee meetings.
- Provided feedback on the various proposed activities by the subcommittees.
- One full network virtual meeting on April 12, 2024, where we reported on our new network structure, name, and scope, as well as activities for the previous year. We also requested and received input from network members on their ideas for network activities.
- Sent out a volunteer interest survey and had interest from 36 volunteers, of which 4 are now actively volunteering in network roles.
- Boosted membership of the Network from n=435 to n=455.

Communication Subcommittee Activities

- Continued to disseminate the policy-relevant news, events, and resources.
- Recruited a new LinkedIn Manager (Page Dobbs), overall social media manager (Nicole Lee, who took over from Michelle Goulette) and Bulletin Manager (Olufemi Erinoso, who took over from Andrew Seidenberg). Nicolle Krebs continues to lead the communications subcommittee.



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2024 outputs include:

- PRSN monthly bulletin:
 - Successfully covered tobacco policy developments in 35 jurisdictions
 - Highlighted >120 peer-reviewed policy-related articles from across the world
 - 2 new members have joined our team to support the Bulletin: Hollie Tripp (Franklin & Marshall College, US) and Vidana Desiree (University of South Carolina, US). In addition, a member from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (CTFK) has volunteered to join our network of informants.
- X/Twitter posts (including PRSN activities at SRNT's Annual Meeting) Ø 173 followers as of December 2024
 - The post that received the most engagement was the announcement about the PRSN webinar on tobacco packaging, with 679 views and 4 retweets.
- LinkedIn - launched a PRSN page in 2024
 - 86 LinkedIn members as of December 2024
 - In the last 15 days, active membership is up 2,433%, and post views (375) is up 815%.
- Continued the *Member Spotlight*. Stephanie Fincham-Campbell began as the member spotlight manager in 2024 (taking over from Andrew Seidenberg).
 - 2024 member spotlights featured: Yael Bar-Zeev, Amanda Kong, Catherine Egbe, Katie East.

- Established a writing team, led by Megan Roberts and Geoff Fong. Geoff Fong rotated off as a co-lead midway through 2024. Shannon Gravely has expressed interest in this role once her term as AC co-chair has ended. 2024 outputs include:
 - An SOP for writing team activities that will be in the public domain (e.g., submissions for public consultations).
 - A commentary is being prepared and led by Shannon Gravely titled: "*The urgent need to increase awareness about the harms of cigarette filters*". This has been approved by Caitlin Notley (Chief Editor) to be submitted to Nicotine & Tobacco Research.

Education Subcommittee Activities

- Alex Liber stepped back as co-chair of the education subcommittee in early 2024 and Loren Kock took over as co-chair alongside Christina Kyriakos.
- The education subcommittee meet regularly to discuss education activities for the network e.g., webinars, pre-conference workshops.
- 2024 outputs:
- Organized and delivered 2 webinars:
 - (1) Tobacco policy implementation in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Research priorities and methods (May 2024).
 - (2) Regulating tobacco and nicotine product packaging design (November 2024).

- Annual Meeting pre-conference workshop was a big success and generated a lot of ideas for future network activities: *Developing Tobacco Product Standards Around the World: Case Studies and Lessons for Tobacco Regulatory Science*, March 20th. Panelists included: Andre Luiz Oliveira da Silva; Chris Bullen; Ghazi Zaatari; Lekan Ayo-Yusuf; David Ashley. The workshop was organized and coordinated by Alex Liber and Shannon Gravely.
- Prepared and submitted a pre-conference workshop for the 2025 Annual Meeting, which has been accepted: *Leveraging Complex Survey Data to Inform Nicotine and Tobacco Regulatory Science Globally*. Panelists are: Katy Edwards, Shannon Gravely, Indu Ahluwalia, Jamie Brown, Ahmed Jamal, Ben Apelberg. The workshop was organized and coordinated by Loren Kock and Andrew Seidenberg.
- Prepared and submitted symposium for the 2025 Annual Meeting, which was accepted: "*National and international surveys to inform nicotine and tobacco policy: data and insights from around the world*", led by Loren Kock.



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Product Standards Working Group

- Dr. David Ashley and Dr. Lekan Ayo-Yusuf chair this working group and Roberta FreitasLemos is the operations coordinator.
- In 2024, the group identified three high priority product standards for initial document development:
 - Banning flavors in capsules in combustible products
 - Banning menthol in cigarettes with an additional consideration of banning synthetic cooling agents
 - Reducing nicotine in cigarettes to levels that are minimally or non-addictive
- Created and activated working groups to develop scientific summaries for the three high priority product standards.
- Helped organize, and chaired, the PRSN pre-conference workshop at SRNT 2024: *“Diverse Experiences Developing Tobacco Product Standards Around the World: Case Studies and Lessons for Tobacco Regulatory Science”*.
- 2025 plans include completing scientific summaries for the three high priority product standards and delivering a webinar on SRNT efforts related to Global Product Standard challenges and accomplishments.

Ontology Working Group

Organized and delivered a SRNT webinar in May 2024 titled *“The Addiction Ontology: How to use it in tobacco regulatory science research”*

Trainee Activities:

- Held “It’s Just Coffee” mentoring program at annual SRNT meeting in Edinburgh, organized by Gus White. We had 27 mentors sign up, which is the greatest number so far (last year we had 11 mentors).
- Highlighted 11 posters for the poster tour for SRNT’s 2024 annual meeting, prioritizing trainees and research that aligns with the PRSN’s current activities (e.g., very low nicotine cigarettes [VLNCs], menthol bans).

Publications

- Network publication in SRNT’s journal *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*: Erinoso O, Brown JL, Glasser AM, Gravely S, Fong GT, Chung-Hall J, Kyriakos CN, Liber AC, Craig LV, White AM, Rose SW, Smiley SL, Zeller M, Leischow S, Ayo-Yusuf O, Cohen JE, Ashley DL. EvidenceBased Post-Ban Research to Inform Effective Menthol Cigarette Bans in the United States and Other Jurisdictions. *Nicotine Tob Res.* 2024 Sep 23;26(10):1434-1437. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntae082. PMID: 38613422. This initiative was led by Olufemi Erinoso (PRN AC) & Jenny Brown (SRNT Global Health Research Network).

2025 PLANNED NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- Recruit two new co-chairs because Shannon Gravely and Scott Leischow are stepping down.

- Secure funding to support product standards working group dissemination efforts (e.g., funding to write a report or funding to host a conference on product standards).
- SRNT 2025 annual meeting:
 - Host an informal in-person network meeting.
 - Organize the 2025 pre-conference workshop.
 - Organize the poster tour to highlight trainee posters by PRSN members.
 - Organize “It’s Just Coffee” mentoring event.
- Plan and host at least 2 webinars.
- Plan and host a formal online network meeting in April/May 2025.
- Begin planning the 2026 pre-conference workshop.
- Continue recruiting volunteers for varied roles within the network, as needed to fill gaps and further expand the network.
- Complete 2025 activity planning process with Advisory Committee in February.
- Preliminary ideas include revisiting our social media platforms (e.g., moving from X/Twitter to BlueSky or another platform), improving and fostering diversity and inclusivity in Committee leadership, pursuing mentorship opportunities for our early-career researcher members.
- Enhance our collaborations with other networks. This has already begun with the product standards working group but we would like to enhance this further.



Trainee Network

Co-chairs: Mariel Bello and Emily Hackworth

The Trainee Network Advisory Committee (TNAC) has been actively working from 2024-2025 to develop and plan resources and programs offered to trainees throughout the year and during the in-person 2024 SRNT Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland and 2025 SRNT Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our programs focus on increasing trainee-related resources and opportunities for professional development, collaboration, networking, as well as acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge related to the field of nicotine/tobacco research. In particular, as many other SRNT Networks provide mentorship opportunities between senior investigators and trainees, we have chosen to focus on establishing networking opportunities for trainees to build relationships with their peers (i.e., trainee-to-trainee). To facilitate these tasks, TNAC meets monthly via Zoom to discuss projects as needed. Our projects reflect our mission to support an emerging generation of nicotine/tobacco researchers and scientists, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds. We have also focused on cross-network collaborations and increasing access to leaders in the field who provide mentoring on research, authorship, and grantsmanship.

Administrative Structure:

This year, Drs. Mariel Bello and Emily Hackworth served as Trainee Network Co-Chairs, who were supported by Dr. Alison Brecher and Alexandra Reyes serving as Operation Coordinators, Dana Rubenstein serving as elected Student Representative for the SRNT Executive Board, and Dr. Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin serving as the Senior Investigator/Faculty Advisor on an ad hoc basis. TNAC is organized into three subcommittees (Communication, Education, and Networking Subcommittees) to lead specific areas of programing and facilitate additional leadership opportunities for TNAC members. The Communication Subcommittee is led by Drs. Alison Brecher and Andrea Milstred as Subcommittee Co-Chairs, with Chukwudi Keke, Samantha Filby, Sitasnu Dahalm, Dèsirée Vidaña, Lindsey Sparrock, and Geoffrey Carney-Knisely as Subcommittee Members. The Education Subcommittee is led by Drs. Emma Brett and Nick Felicione as Subcommittee Co-chairs, with Nathan Olszewski, Jessica Powers, Wei Li, Michele Bover Manderski, Zoe Swithenbank, Ana Carolina de Lima Bovo, Tara Geer-Leiker, and Esther Omaiye as Subcommittee Members. The Networking Subcommittee is led by Drs. Nancy Jao and Marcia Tan as Subcommittee Co-chairs, with Olanrewaju Onigbogi, Shannon Watkins, Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie, Tyler Nighbor, Rachel Rosen, Karen Ra, Dana Rubenstein, Chase Kornacki, and Garrett Stang as Subcommittee Members.

TNAC Activity Overview:

Communications Subcommittee:

- We have continued our email communications with trainees throughout the year via the SRNT trainee listserv and social media platforms (i.e., Twitter [@TraineeSRNT], LinkedIn [<https://www.linkedin.com/in/srnt-trainee-network/>]). We utilized these platforms to share career development opportunities (e.g., faculty job postings, postdoctoral fellowship positions) as well as promote SRNT trainee-related achievements that may include original articles or essays on topics relevant to career development, trainee awards, accomplishments, and research findings.
- We plan to continue to use the Trainee Network LinkedIn account to spotlight members of TNAC, research conducted by trainees in tobacco research, and conduct polls.
- Starting in January 2025, we plan to share “Trainee Spotlights” every other month to highlight current members and increase engagement within the Trainee Network. Our Trainee Spotlights aim to provide members with an opportunity to share their research interests, valuable advice for career development, and interests outside of research with other members of the Network.



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- We will create and distribute another edition in the Spring.
- We developed and distributed a Trainee's Guide to the Annual Meeting for the 2024 Annual Meeting and are in the process of developing the 2025 Annual Meeting guide. This guide will include details regarding the trainee network conference events (e.g., refreshment break, network lunch, mixer), COVID-19 guidance, travel tips (e.g., safety, lodging, budgeting), as well as general information regarding New Orleans. This guide will aid students and early career investigators in preparing for their travels to the 2025 Annual Meeting and making the most out of their time in New Orleans.
- We have continued to conduct our Trainee Liaison Initiative to build close working relationships between the Trainee Network and other Networks, as well as to increase engagement, support, and collaborations for trainees and early career professionals at SRNT. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to hopefully establish ways in which the Trainee Network can provide support to other Networks for trainee-related activities, connect trainees and early career professionals with Networks that they may be interested in, and/or disseminate information regarding Network-sponsored trainee-related events to members of the Trainee Network. Liaisons are asked to check-in briefly with the TNAC Trainee Liaison Coordinator, Rachel Rosen, to

provide feedback regarding their Network's trainee needs.

Education Subcommittee:

- This year we continued our initiative to increase opportunities for trainees to showcase and present their research in a data blitz format. On June 13, 2024, we hosted a "Basic Science Trainee Showcase", which was a collaborative effort between TNAC and Basic Science Network. A panel of 4 trainees presented their research relevant to basic science. We plan to continue to collaborate with other SRNT Networks to showcase trainee research across a variety of topics and are aiming to work with the Treatment Network for a future trainee showcase.
- We continue to organize webinars based on results from the recent Trainee Survey. We hosted a webinar titled "Career Panel: Opportunities Outside of Academia" on October 1, 2024, as this topic was highlighted by trainees to be of interest. This webinar included a panel of speakers including a principal scientist at American Cancer Society, program director at NCI, principal research associate at Westat, and epidemiologist at FDA Center for Tobacco Products. The panel highlighted their career paths and the unique roles, benefits, and challenges encountered in careers outside of academia. We plan to host future webinars following the results of the trainee survey, with interest in topics

such as trainee grants, methods/stats, and NIH organization. For some of these topics, we are considering making guidance documents rather than hosting webinars.

- We will also continue to support the other subcommittees on tasks relevant to the annual meeting, such as organizing a list of TNAC member presentations so that advisory committee members can support one another's work at the meeting. We also plan to collect a list of trainee opportunities (e.g., job opportunities, training opportunities) to create a resource document available to trainees.

Networking Subcommittee:

- Despite the international venue, we had 71 attendees registered across the formal and informal trainee events at the 2024 SRNT conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. At the conference, we continued to host several events focused on building community among trainee members, including the Trainee Mixer and drop-in social hours. We also advocated for a protected space for the duration of the conference for trainees to be able to gather and build community.
- In addition to continuing our conference events during the 2025 SRNT conference in New Orleans, LA, we have been brainstorming ways to increase opportunities for building trainee-to-trainee and trainee-to-researcher connections. Before the conference, we



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plan to host a virtual introduction and meet-up to provide information about the conference for first-time attendees and for trainees to meet others prior to the conference. We also plan to collaborate with other TNAC subcommittees in developing resource documents to highlight trainees (e.g., trainee poster/presentation sessions), share information (e.g., job/training opportunities), and offer points of contact (e.g., TNAC members available for career development questions). During the conference, we plan to host casual meet-up sessions during our social drop-in hours for trainees of different career stages to meet (e.g., pre-doctoral, doctoral, post-doctoral). These sessions are meant to build community across trainee members and are also open to those not of the specific career stage.

- Following the conference, we are planning to develop a new “Meet the Researcher” series. Similar to “Ask Me Anything” sessions, these sessions are meant to facilitate a casual space for trainees to meet an established researcher to ask questions about their career path and to hear about potential opportunities for data sharing and manuscript collaboration.

Virtual Trainee Network Members Meeting:

- Following the SRNT annual meeting, we plan to host a formal Trainee Network Members Meeting to connect with new and current Trainee Network members, share our activities, obtain feedback, offer volunteering opportunities, and build collaborations within our community.



Treatment Research Network

Network Co-Chairs: Alana Rojewski, PhD & Adrienne Johnson, PhD

No. of Members: 390

Administrative Structure

Advisory Committee

Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee Members for 2024-2025 were Alana Rojewski (Co-Chair), Adrienne Johnson (Co-Chair), Virmarie Correa-Fernández (Trainee Network Liaison), Adam Alexander, Cara Murphy, Jennifer Cantrell, Krysten Bold, Felix Naughton (SRNT-E member), Diane Beneventi (ATTUD Liaison), Garrett Stang (Trainee Member), and Jesse Kaye (Operations Coordinator).

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee met monthly throughout the year to provide high-level guidance for all Treatment Research Network activities.

- Alana Rojewski will end her term as the Co-Chair for the Advisory Committee in March 2025. She will remain on the Advisory Committee.
- Adrienne Johnson will remain in her role as Advisory Committee Co-Chair for 2024-2025. The Advisory Committee is looking to elect a member to serve as Co-Chair. The search and voting for this role is ongoing.
- Krysten Bold will end her term on the Advisory Committee in March 2025.
- Adam Alexander resigned his position on the Advisory Committee in January 2025 due to changing research interests outside of tobacco treatment research.

- Jesse Kaye will end his term as Operations Coordinator in March 2025. We are currently recruiting a new Operations Coordinator.
- The Advisory Committee is seeking 2 new members with a term from 2025-2029. Search and voting for this role is ongoing.

Subcommittees

- **Communications Subcommittee:** Eli Klemperer (Chair), Jen Betts (Coordinator), Sarah Tonkin, Michael Celestin, and Bingjing Mao. Loren Kock and Alina Shevorykin will be ending their terms on the Communications Subcommittee in March 2025.
- **Education Subcommittee:** Christine Vinci (Chair), Haruka Minami, Patricia Cioe, and Eleanor Leavens. Christine Vinci will be ending her term as Chair in March 2025. Search and voting is ongoing to determine chair position.

Working Groups

Treatment Research Network working groups worked on the following projects:

- **Strategies for analyzing longitudinal data in clinical trials of tobacco dependence treatment.** Status: Published. Kypriotakis, G., Bernstein, S.L., Bold, K.W., Dziura, J.D., Hedeker, D., Mermelstein, R.J., Weinberger, A.H. (2024). An introduction and practical guide to strategies for analyzing longitudinal data in clinical trials of smoking cessation treatment: Beyond

dichotomous point-prevalence outcomes. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* official journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, 26(7), 796–805. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntae005>

- **Engaging populations with tobacco-related health disparities in treatment research.**

Status: Published.

Johnson, A. L., Bui, T. C., Bullen, C., Businelle, M., Carroll, D. M., Correa-Fernández, V., Pickner, W., Spears, C. A., Vickerman, K., Vidrine, D. J., Webb Hooper, M., Bold, K. W., & Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Treatment Research Network (2024). Engaging Specific Populations with Tobacco-Related Health Disparities in Treatment Research: A summary of a SRNT Treatment Research Network Preconference Workshop. *Nicotine & tobacco research: official journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco*, ntae248. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntae248>

- **Smoking cessation treatment process/mechanisms in older adults who smoke.** Status: under review at NTR since October 2024

Authors: Adrienne Johnson, Bethea Kleykamp, Margaret Fahey, Dana Rubenstein, Alana Rojewski, Jeein Jang, Leslie Christenson, Jaqueline Avila, Sarah Jarvis, Leslie Christenson.



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- **Biochemical Verification of Smoking Abstinence paper.**

Status: paper draft in progress

Authors: Brandon Sanford, Krysten Bold, Michael Businelle, Stephanie Land, Nancy Rigotti, Andrea Weinberger, and Benjamin Toll.

SRNT Pre-Conference Workshop

The Treatment Research Network Advisory Committee sponsored the following pre-conference workshop submission, which was accepted for presentation for the 2025 SRNT Annual Meeting.

Title: *Moving the Needle on Impact:*

Implementation Strategies and Applications in Tobacco Treatment Research

Chairs: Alana Rojewski, PhD & Adrienne Johnson, PhD

Presenters:

Linda Collins, PhD – New York University School of Global Public Health

Paul Cinciripini, PhD – The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Jason Robinson, PhD – The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Elyse Park, PhD, MPH – MGH Harvard Medical School

Jamie Ostroff, PhD – Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Kristie Foley, PhD – Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Donna Shelley, MD, MPH – New York University School of Global Public Health

Communications Subcommittee Activities

The Communications Subcommittee focuses on building membership within the Treatment Research Network (TRN) and using the Network Listserv and social media to share tobacco treatment-related content to members. Key 2024 activities included:

- Listsrv communication. We continued to post new treatment related papers every other week on the TRN listserv. Listsrv communication is used for posting treatment-related papers, sharing job postings and opportunities for collaboration, and engaging in discussion with others conducting treatment-related research.
- Poster tours. We hosted two in-person poster tours at the 2024 SRNT conference and are planning a self-guided poster tour for the upcoming 2025 SRNT conference.
- Facebook Special Interest Pages. We continued to regularly post relevant papers on the SRNT mHealth Interest Group.
- X (formerly Twitter). SRNT Treatment Network twitter handle: @TreatmentSRNT, is currently used for sharing posts related to tobacco treatment and new research.
- TRN Social Media Survey: We have developed and will soon launch a survey to identify the optimal platform for posting treatment related research in the future, with the plan to revise our approach to posting on social media based on the data we collect.
- Treatment Research Network Member Spotlights. In 2024, two Treatment Research

Network spotlights were completed (Dana Carroll and Hasmeena Kathuria) to introduce and spotlight treatment researchers. Spotlights are sent out in the listserv and are posted on the Treatment Research Network webpage here: https://www.srnt.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=156397&id=540515.

- It's Just Coffee. We conducted a TRN "It's Just Coffee" event at the 2024 SRNT meeting and are planning on hosting the event again for the 2025 SRNT meeting

Education Subcommittee Activities

The Education Subcommittee worked to provide educational activities of interest to the Treatment Research Network and broader SRNT membership. Key educational activities in 2024 included the following webinars:

- 05/29/2024 – Dr. Nikki Nollen, Dr. Lisa Sanderson Cox, and Dr. Mignonne Guy – Health Equity in the Context of Tobacco Treatment and Research among Black Adults who Smoke (Dr. Elly Leavens moderated)
- 06/04/2024 – Dr. Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf, Dr. Thanh Cong Bui, and Ms. Eve Nagler – Tobacco Cessation among Special Populations in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (Co-Sponsored with the Global Research Network; Haruka Minami assisted with moderating)



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- 0/10/2024 – Dr. Scott Sherman & Dr. Elly Leavens – Tobacco Dependence and Smoking Cessation in People with Chronic Pulmonary Illness (Dr. Patricia Cioe moderated)

Other Network Activities

- Following the SRNT 2024 conference, two virtual Treatment Research Network member meetings were held. The leadership and volunteers for the Treatment Research Network for the 2023-2024 year were recognized and a number of new paper and webinar ideas were suggested.
- A Workgroup was developed, led by Dr. Tracy Smith, focused on Harm Reduction for Tobacco Use Disorders. The workgroup is planning to develop a manuscript.
- A Special Interest Group was developed, led by Dr. Christine Sheffer, focused on Brain Stimulation Treatments for Tobacco Use Disorders.

Plans for 2025

For the upcoming year, the Treatment Research Network will continue to provide educational webinars, communicate treatment research news to the membership, offer pre-conference workshops at the annual conference, and run special interest groups and workgroups. Webinar presenters will be established and emerging leaders in the field that focus on tobacco treatment topics and our goal will be to make these presentations available electronically. The Treatment Research Network is always interested in hearing from members about new webinar ideas or papers to sponsor relevant to treatment research. The network plans to host two virtual members meetings again after the 2025 annual meeting (March/April 2025) and invites all interested individuals to join and help us brainstorm opportunities for the network in the new year.

JOIN US!

How to sign up for the SRNT Treatment Research Network:

- 1) Log in to your SRNT profile (<https://www.srnt.org/>)
- 2) In the “members only” drop down, click “networks”
- 3) Click your network of interest, and under the network name, click “join group”

How to join the SRNT Treatment Research Listserv. Adding yourself to the network does not automatically sign you up for the listserv. Follow these steps:

- 1) Log in to your SRNT profile (<https://www.srnt.org/>)
- 2) In the “members only” drop down, select “listservs”
- 3) Fill out the listserv subscription form under “new listserv subscribers”

How to post to the listserv. Do you have a question? Looking for a collaborator? Email the network listserv at srnt-treatment@mail-list.com.



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