

# Panel Discussion: Advancing the Conversation About the Implementation Research-Practice Gap



Please join the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC) for this discussion panel, which is part of the 2023/2024 series: *Contending with the Implementation Research-Practice Gap*, hosted by SIRC's Practitioner Network of Expertise. We have gathered leaders from both implementation research and implementation practice to discuss the current state and future directions for implementation science collaborations to close the implementation research-practice gap.

**Date:** November 16, 2023  
**Time:** 3:30 – 5:00 PM (ET)  
**Location:** Zoom, [register here](#)

Panelists include Dr. Rinad Beidas and Dr. Byron Powell, authors of the 2022 article, [Promises and pitfalls in implementation science from the perspective of US-based researchers: learning from a pre-mortem](#). Panelists also include Dr. Julia Moore and Dr. Sobia Khan, authors of the response paper, [Promises and pitfalls of bridging the implementation science to practice gap from the perspective of implementation support practitioners](#). Dr. Rohit Ramaswamy will join the panel to provide broader perspective from a practitioner-scientist. Panelists will expand on themes identified in these articles and related topics. We strongly encourage attendees to read both articles, as they will not be presented in detail during the event.

## Panelists:

### Dr. Rinad Beidas



Rinad S. Beidas, PhD, is Chair and Ralph Seal Paffenbarger Professor of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Beidas's research leverages insights from implementation science to make it easier for clinicians, leaders, and organizations to transform the quality and equity of care. As an internationally recognized scientist, Rinad has published approximately 300 peer-reviewed publications and has served as MPI or PI of 11 NIH grants totaling approximately 31 million dollars.

### Dr. Julia Moore



Dr. Julia E. Moore is the Executive Director of The Center for Implementation, a social enterprise that trains, supports, and empowers individuals and organizations in applying theory and evidence-informed change methods to improve outcomes. She is known internationally for her ability to communicate complex implementation science concepts in clear and actionable ways. As an expert on the practical applications of implementation science, her work focuses on the spread and scale of accessible training and supporting hundreds of change initiatives around the world. She has designed and taught courses and workshops taken by over 10,000 professionals from a wide range of fields.

### Dr. Sobia Khan



Dr. Sobia Khan is the Director of Implementation at The Center for Implementation. She is an award-winning expert on how to practically implement complex initiatives in complex systems. Globally, she has supported and advised both researchers and practitioners on over 100 change initiatives across 5 continents, integrating multiple fields such as implementation science, systems thinking, and social network theory to achieve meaningful and large-scale change. She emphasizes pragmatic and equity-driven approaches, with a particular focus on the need for relationship building, advocacy, and collective action to create change at all system levels.



## Dr. Byron Powell

Byron Powell is an Associate Professor at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. He is Co-Director of the Brown School's Center for Mental Health Services Research; Co-Director of the Institute for Public Health's Center for Dissemination & Implementation, for which he leads the Methods & Metascience Initiative; and Co-Director of the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science's Dissemination and Implementation Research Core. He aims to improve the quality of health and social services by designing, tailoring, and assessing the effectiveness of implementation strategies and advancing implementation research methods.



## Dr. Rohit Ramaswamy

Rohit Ramaswamy, PhD, MPH, Grad. Dipl. (Bios) is a Professor of Pediatrics and co-director of research at the James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center. His area of expertise is in the intersection of Implementation and Improvement science and in the development and evaluation of systematic methods and tools to sustainably implement and improve complex interventions. His work blends the tools of systems science, design thinking, implementation science and continuous quality improvement to build capacity for implementation.

## Moderator:



## Dr. Kate Storey

Dr. Kate Storey is a CIHR/PHAC Applied Public Health Chair, an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, and Distinguished Researcher - Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. Dr. Storey's research program, SIRCLE, focuses on school- and community-based strategies to promote wellbeing, prevent chronic diseases, and reduce health inequities. Dr. Storey's work creates a culture of wellness for children, families, and communities through systems-level change across Canada and internationally.