

PROS celebrated its 25th birthday in Boston this October at the NCE!

To add to its long list of accomplishments, PROS is now recruiting for **THREE** important studies. This is a great time to join PROS if you haven't yet already!

The studies are:

The teen driving study will look at dissemination of a proven intervention to teens and parents from the pediatric office. Because this study is limited to only 7 states including **HAWAII**, I urge YOU participate in this extremely easy but critically important study to help parents help their teens to stay safe while driving. No consenting or long discussion is necessary; just a few words with the parents (with or without the teen) to introduce the subject and make a referral to a website for further information and intervention. This is the simplest PROS study with an intervention that could potentially save lives!

Adolescent Health in Pediatric Practice is a study to assess brief intervention to counsel adolescents on smoking or social media. If you see a fair number of teens or smokers, we urge you to enroll in this study. Many practitioners would like to be able to counsel teens on these subjects—this study will train you to be able to do so effectively and efficiently. If you yourself do not see significant numbers of adolescents, but know anyone who might be interested, please refer them to PROS for information about joining.

The brand new ePROS, the electronic health record practice based research subnetwork of PROS, is also recruiting for a new study. This study will study ADHD evaluation and treatment, and the use of clinical decision support to help practitioners follow the ADHD evaluation and treatment guidelines recently launched by the AAP. This study will be limited to practices with specific EMRs and the number of offices participating will also be limited. If you are interested in an “easy” way to do practice based research, this is the study—consents, if needed, will be done remotely and data will be extracted from the EMR without time or effort from you or the office staff. Other exciting studies are under development for this ePROS network, so sign up now, even if you cannot do this particular ADHD study.

Other important and relevant PROS studies are in the pipeline, including studies on atypical antipsychotics in children, hypertension, antibiotic prescribing and parent/physician communication, dental health, and child abuse recognition. Join today to start any of the current or upcoming studies. It is easy to join and find out more about the studies at www.aap.org/PROS. Otherwise, you may call me at 778-3587 or email me at syano54@aol.com.

Also, be on the lookout for results of our recently completed Boys Puberty Study (Secondary Sexual Characteristics in Boys) soon to be published. Thank you to all who participated in another landmark PROS study!

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