

## **NCRR/APTR Conference Bridges Translational Medicine to Community Engagement**

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) sponsored a May 9<sup>th</sup> workshop “Accelerating the Dissemination and Translation of Clinical Research into Practice” aimed at bringing together researchers and clinicians to discuss how best to translate research findings into improved health for all Americans.

### **Workshop Objectives**

This innovative meeting was the first in a series of six workshops to discuss and share best practices and ways in which researchers can partner with community health care providers to translate clinical research into practice. The workshop objectives included to identify key enablers of successful academic-community provider partnerships; effective strategies for dissemination, diffusion, and adoption of research; and public and private-sector partners for collaborative translational research.

Speakers from the California Health Care Foundation, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), Indian Health Service, Michigan State University Extension, Kaiser Permanente, NIH (NHLBI and NIDDK), and many others from universities, and private physician practices shared examples of successful research collaborations and the importance of community-engaged research.

### **Workshop Audience**

Over 400 participants from 34 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and South Korea attended the workshop which addressed topics such as defining translational medicine, public-private collaboration, the importance of addressing health disparities, and the role of information technology. The conference was, by far, the largest of its kind and was made possible by support from many agencies including:

- Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- The Association for Prevention, Teaching and Research (APTR)
- The National Institutes of Health (NCRR, NIDDK, NHLBI, NIDA)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Indian Health Service (HIS)
- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
- Clinical and Translational Science Awards Community Engagement Steering Committee (CTSA CESC)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)