Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)

Goals of PCOR
» Assess the possible benefits and inadvertent harms of all types of medical interventions and their healthcare delivery processes.
» Identify the care path that will lead to the most beneficial and sought after outcomes for an individual.
» Takes into account an individual’s unique needs, anatomy, health related quality of life, symptoms, function, survival, and preferences. Addresses the full diversity of patients, healthcare models, delivery methods, and healthcare environments; and identifies barriers to implementation and dissemination.

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Authorized by Congress in 2010, provides research funding for public and private PCOR

Vision » Patients and the public have information they can use to make decisions that reflect their desired health outcomes.

Mission » PCORI helps people make informed healthcare decisions, and improves healthcare delivery outcomes, by producing and promoting high-integrity, evidence-based information that comes from research guided by patients, caregivers, and the broader healthcare community.

Clinical Effectiveness Research (CER)

Looks at approaches to quantify information about optimizing patient outcomes, reducing burdens to patients and caregivers, increasing the availability of services, technologies, and personnel, and quantifying stakeholders’ perspectives.

PCORI is the largest single research funder with Comparative CER research as its primary focus.

PCORI-Funded PCOR and CER Research: Current Areas of Study
» Shared Decision Making in the Emergency Department: Developing a Patient-Centered Research Agenda
  Funds awarded to the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

» Improving Oral Health for Vulnerable Populations: Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  Funds awarded to Tufts University

» Tailoring Patient Options for Medication Adherence Action Plans in Community Pharmacies
  Funds awarded to the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association

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