August CER Updates

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CER NEWS

Congratulations
Joanne Lagatta, MD, has been selected as a participant in the 2012 Oregon Institute for Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Annual Research Intensive. This weeklong training provides training in comparative effectiveness research methods from national leaders. Congratulations Dr. Lagatta!

CCER Research Think Tank Meetings
The CCER continues to host research think tank meetings. The sessions are designed to provide researchers with a venue to discuss and brainstorm ideas as well as receive feedback from fellow researchers and patient/parent representatives. If you have a research idea you wish to present at one of these sessions, please contact us to add you to the schedule.

Please note the dates of future sessions.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012
Presenter: *Michelle Czarnecki, MSN, RN-BC, CPNP, APNP and Keri Hainsworth, PhD*
Topic: *Pain Management in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit*
Time: *10:00 am to 11:00 am*
Location: Children's Clinics Building, 1st Floor, Room CLB1

Tuesday, October 2, 2012
In lieu of our regular think tank session, you are invited to register for a free one-day workshop presented by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute and its Community Engagement Key Function. Please see details and registration instructions for "CEnR-CER Bridge Building Day" in the Events section below.

November – date TBD
Are you interested or thinking about applying for a PCORI grant? Would you like to know about the grant review process? Two MCW faculty who served as grant reviewers will share their experiences and insights. The date and time will be determined later. Please watch out for an e-mail with the session details.

"My NGC" and "My NQMC" Added to AHRQ's National Guideline and Quality Measures Websites
(8/23, ECRI Institute Press Release) "Two prominent healthcare websites with more than 3.2 million annual visits, National Guideline Clearinghouse™ (NGC™) and National Quality Measures Clearinghouse™ (NQMC™), are now easier to use with the launch of customized personalization tools, announces ECRI Institute, an independent nonprofit organization that developed and maintains the sites under contract to the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)." **Full ECRI Press Release**

EVENTS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CEnR-CER Bridge Building Day *(local event)*
Tuesday, October 2, 2012

The Community Engagement Key Function of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute of Southeast Wisconsin invites to a workshop designed to bridge the gaps between community engagement in research (CEnR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER). The objective of this full-day workshop is to establish a dialogue on the similarities and differences between CEnR and CER, and to generate a framework for collaboration. A national expert in both disciplines, Dr. Thomas Concannon, from Tufts University, will be the plenary speaker.
The workshop will be held at the UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. Please follow the link below to register.
Bridge Building Workshop Registration

HCUP training webinar: Overview of the HCUP Products and Tools
September 12, 2012
The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) presents a one-hour session that will introduce health services and policy researchers to the HCUP products and tools, with particular emphasis on HCUPnet, the free online data query system.

Registration for this webinar will open on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 8:00 AM E.T
HCUP Events Website

AHRQ 2012 Annual Conference
Moving Ahead: Leveraging Knowledge and Action to Improve Health Care Quality
September 9-11, 2012
Bethesda, Maryland
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is
Registration is complimentary, but space is limited. Register early to reserve your spot.
AHRQ Conference Link

Transforming Healthcare Through Evidence-Based Medicine
October 3 - 5, 2012
Trump Hotel
Chicago, IL
CMIO Leadership Forum Link

Fourth National Comparative Effectiveness Summit
A Hybrid Conference and Internet Event
November 5 - 6, 2012
Grand Hyatt
Washington, DC
www.ComparativeEffectivenessSummit.com

ECRI Institute's 19th Annual Conference on the Use of Evidence in Policy and Practice
November 28-29, 2012
Washington, DC
The conference is free, but space for in-person attendance is limited to 350, and advance registration is required.
ECRI Conference Registration

The Myth of Average: Why Individual Patient Differences Matter
A one-day conference sponsored by the National Pharmaceutical Council and the National Health Council
Friday, November 30, 2012
Washington DC
Event Details

PCORI WORKSHOPS
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute has scheduled several workshops designed to obtain input from stakeholders on selecting research topics. See details for each workshop below. More information on the workshops can be found on the **PCORI** website.

> ***Transforming Patient-Centered Research: Building Partnerships and Promising Models*** *- October 27-28*
> This workshop will focus on the patient's role and perspective in PCORI's work, and provide an opportunity for patients, caregivers, advocacy groups, researchers and other stakeholders to start working together as a community to discuss potential ideas for future research. It also will support PCORI's efforts to raise the standards in the science of patient engagement by developing promising policies for identifying research questions, reviewing funding proposals and ensuring patient participation throughout the process. Attendance is limited to 150 people; 75% of workshop invitations will be reserved for patients, caregivers and organizations representing them.

What Should PCORI Study? A Call for Topics from Patients and Stakeholders *- December 4*
This workshop will be an opportunity to solicit recommendations for specific research topics and test PCORI's draft process for determining which could be the basis of future funding announcements. Attendance is limited to 100 individuals; 25% of invitations will be reserved for patients, caregivers and the organizations that represent them.

PCORI Research Prioritization Methods Workshop *- December 5*
Research methodologists, patients and stakeholders will further test the process for selecting research questions and address a number of methodological issues that will help PCORI refine the process to ensure that it addresses the needs of patients and those who care for them. Attendance will be invitation only and limited to 50 individuals due to the event's format.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Seeks Input on Draft Methodology Report
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) seeks public comment on their Draft Methodology Report that sets out standards for conducting patient-centered outcomes research. The comment period is open until 11:59 pm. ET Friday, September 14, 2012. Feedback received during this time will be considered for incorporation into a revision of the report.
Draft Methodology Report
PCORI Draft Methodology Report Public Comment Survey

SELECTED AUGUST JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Facilitating Observational Study for Comparative Effectiveness Research
Sun, X., et al.
September/October 2012, *IBM Journal of Research and Development*
IBM Journal of Research and Development Link

Case-Based Reasoning in Comparative Effectiveness Research
Markatou, M., et al.
September/October 2012, *IBM Journal of Research and Development*
IBM Journal of Research and Development Link

CC4-01: CER-HUB: An Informatics Platform for Conducting Comparative Effectiveness Research with Comprehensive Electronic Medical Record Data.
Hazlehurst B, Stevens V, Mularski R, McBurnie MA.
August 2012, *Clinical Medicine & Research*
PubMed Link

Comparative Effectiveness of Empiric ß-Lactam Monotherapy and ß-Lactam-Macrolide Combination Therapy in Children Hospitalized with Community-Acquired Pneumonia.
Ambroggio L, Taylor JA, Tabb LP, Newschaffer CJ, Evans AA, Shah SS.
August 14, 2012, *The Journal of Pediatrics*
PubMed Link

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Health Care Delivery and Policy Research (HCDPR) Contracts
National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
The current research priorities of the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation include

1. Barriers to utilization of disease modifying therapies and strategies for reducing those barriers,
2. Comparative effectiveness of comprehensive vs. single-provider/non-MS specialist care
3. Predictors, costs and quality of life consequences of entry into more restrictive levels of MS care
4. Financial implications of informal/unpaid caregiving
5. Secondary analysis of existing datasets to answer health policy questions with respect to MS
6. Investigator initiated health policy studies in MS

Amount of awards and duration of projects vary by proposal.
Due Dates: Letter of Intent due September 30, 2012; Application due January 09, 2013
Application details: **National MS Society Link**

Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children
(R01) **PA-11-104**
(R21) **PA-11-105**
National Institutes of Health
US Department of Health and Human Services
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): See announcement link above
Expiration Date: January 8, 2014

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Opportunities

PCORI has funding available in the following four general areas:

- *Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options*
- *Improving Healthcare Systems*
- *Communication and Dissemination*
- *Addressing Disparities*

Projects may not exceed three years in duration and budgets are limited to less than $500,000 per year in direct costs.
Application Deadlines:

- Cycle II Submission
  - Letter of Intent due October 15, 2012
  - Application due November 30, 2012
- Cycle III Submission
  - Letter of Intent due Feb 15, 2013
  - Application due March 31, 2013

For full details of these opportunities, follow the link below.

PCORI Funding Opportunities Announcements

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have some information on clinical/comparative effectiveness research that you would like to share in a future issue of the newsletter, please use the contact information below to let us know.

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