CER Updates

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CER NEWS

Congratulations Keri Hainsworth and Michelle Czarnecki on their CTSI Pilot Award

Keri Hainsworth, PhD and Michelle Czarnecki, MSN, RN-BC, CPNP, APNP were awarded a CTSI Pilot Award to study "Parent/Nurse Controlled Analgesia for Post-Operative Pain Management in Neonates: A Preliminary Randomized Controlled Trial". They will be working with Marjorie Arca, MD, Michael Uhing, MD, Pippa Simpson PhD and Steven Weisman, MD.

Keri and Michelle presented this project to the CCER Research Think Meeting in September 2012 and we are proud to see them receive this award. Congratulations!

CCER Research Think Tank Meetings

We are seeking researchers interested in seeking feedback on research ideas or projects. The CCER Research Think Tank Meetings are an avenue for discussion and brainstorming of research ideas with fellow researchers and patient/parent representatives to provide the unique patient perspective. If you would like to present your project idea at one of these sessions, please contact **Fouza Yusuf**.

PCORI Convenes Workgroups to Refine Targeted Funding Announcements

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is convening ad hoc workgroups in March and April to solicit input from the healthcare community on refining PCORI's initial set of targeted research topics. These five topics are asthma, back pain, uterine fibroids, obesity and injury from falls. Funding announcements will go out in June this year.
PCORI Workgroups

EVENTS - CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS

Webinar: CER and the Environment for Health Care Decision-Making
March 19, 2013
9:00 – 10:00 am
Webinar Link

2013 Summit on Clinical Research Informatics
March 20 - 22, 2013
Parc 55 Hotel
San Francisco, CA
American Medical Informatics Association Link

Washington University 2013 CER Symposium
April 16-17, 2013
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Washington University CER Symposium

Observational Studies in a Learning Health System
April 25-26, 2013
Washington, DC
PCORI Link

ISPOR 18th Annual International Meeting
May 18 - 22, 2013
Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
ISPOR Link

Rigor and Relevance: Using the PCORI Methodology Standards
June 25, 2013
Baltimore, MD
PCORI Link

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ICE Annual Research Intensive

The Oregon Institute for Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness (ICE) will host their weeklong Annual Research Intensive this fall. This program is a collaboration of the Oregon Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) and the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI). National leaders in the field of comparative effectiveness research (CER) will lead the sessions. Attendees will work in small groups, participate in workshops on developing CER grant proposals and learn how to engage stakeholders in all steps of the research project. Eligibility requirements include terminal degree (MD, PhD, etc.) and completion of coursework in clinical research design or epidemiology and biostatistics, or competency in design and biostatistics.

Session Dates: July 28-31, 2013
Portland, OR
Application Deadline – May 31, 2013

ICE Program Details and Application Information

New HCUP Tutorial for Researchers on Data and Tools

A series of free and interactive courses are available to users of the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data. Users can learn about HCUP data, tools and train on technical methods for conducting research with HCUP data. The courses are available in modules, so users can decide which sections to access.
HCUP Tutorials

CER courses at Tufts
Tufts University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) offers comprehensive online courses on comparative effectiveness research and patient-centered outcomes research. The courses consist of recorded videos of live lectures as well as PowerPoint slides and interactive online questions. These courses can be taken for CME credit and for professional development. Learn more by going to the educational website **I-LEARN.**

CER Online Learning Center at Ohio State University
Ohio State University's Center for Health Outcomes, Policy, and Evaluation Studies in the College of Public Health has an online program with open source course modules on various topics in comparative effectiveness research (CER).
http://cph.osu.edu/hopes/cer

CER REPORTS

Developing a Protocol for Observational Comparative Effectiveness Research: A User's Guide
February 12, 2013
AHRQ Link

Child and Adolescent Exposure to Trauma: Comparative Effectiveness of Interventions Addressing Trauma Other Than Maltreatment or Family Violence
February 11, 2013
AHRQ Link

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

Insulin Delivery and Glucose Monitoring Methods: Future Research Needs
March 1 - March 28, 2013
AHRQ Listing

NCQA seeks input on New and Revised Measures
The public is invited to comment on the 2014 HEDIS measures proposed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA). The comment period is open until March 21, 2013
NCQA Link

SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Stakeholder Priorities for Comparative Effectiveness Research in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Workshop Report
Jerry A. Krishnan, et al.
February 1, 2013, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*
American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine Link
Special Issue: New Era of Patient Engagement
February 2013
Health Affairs Link

Comparative Effectiveness of Interventions for Children Exposed to Nonrelational Traumatic Events
Valerie L. Forman-Hoffman, PhD, MPH, et al.
February 11, 2013, *Pediatrics*
Pediatrics Link

Establishing the Infrastructure to Conduct Comparative Effectiveness Research Toward the Elimination of Disparities: A Community-Based Participatory Research Framework
Danyell S. Wilson, PhD, et al.
February 21, 2013, *Health Promotion Practice*
Health Promotion Practice Link

March Issue: Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research
March 2013
Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research Link

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New R01 and R18 Due Date with Temporary Budget Increase

AHRQ announces a new application due date for two AHRQ standing Funding Opportunity Announcements:

- **AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (R01)**
- **AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination (R18)**

AHRQ will accept applications for a new receipt date of **March 28, 2013** for a budget up to **$500,000** in total annual costs.

For more details on this announcement notice, follow **this** link

After March 28, the remaining due dates will revert back to the standard dates for R01 and R18 and the budget will revert back to the previous limit of $250,000 in total annual costs.

ASTRO/ROI Comparative Effectiveness Research Award

This award offered by the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) provides $50,000 annually for two years to radiation oncologists to conduct comparative effectiveness research in the field of radiation oncology.
For more information, and to apply, use this **link.**
Deadline for submission is 11:59 pm ET on March 28, 2013

PCORI Targeted PFA to be announced in June,

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has identified five targeted areas for funding and will announce the opportunities in June. These targeted areas are:

- Treatment options for severe asthma in African-Americans and Hispanics/Latinos
- Treatment options for uterine fibroids
- Preventing injuries from falls in the elderly
- Treatment options for back pain
- Obesity treatment options in diverse populations

In the next two months, PCORI will convene ad hoc workgroups to help refine the specific topics within each area. The workgroup sessions will be available to the public via webinar. Please use this **link** for more information on these opportunities and to register for upcoming workgroup webinars.

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, or wish to be added or removed from the mailing list, please use contact Fouza Yusuf at **fyusuf@mcw.edu/** 414-955-4837. .*

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