CER Updates

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CER NEWS

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 that you would like to present at one of these sessions, please contact us.

Due to the roll out of Epic at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, there will be no think tank session in November.

Future Sessions:

- *November 2012* – session cancelled due to Epic roll out at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- *December 2012*- Date and topic/presenter - TBA
- *January 2013* - Date TBD.
  Topic – The PCORI Grant Review Process
  If you are interested in applying for any PCORI grant, consider attending this session to hear from MCW faculty who have served as grant reviewers for PCORI.

Leading Researchers Outline Principles for Planning & Conduct of CER
A set of 13 principles for conducting CER were laid out in a study published in the September issue of the Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research. The authors, from a variety of institutions, conducted a literature review of the existing evidence and obtained feedback from CER experts and stakeholders. The 13 principles include clarity of objectives, engagement and perspectives of relevant stakeholders, relevance of study, bias reduction, treatment heterogeneity and generalizability. Read more about the study and the principles **here.**

PCORI Seeks Specific Research Questions from Patients and Stakeholders
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) invites patients, caregivers and the broader health care community to propose specific research questions via a survey on their website. All suggestions will be evaluated and have the potential of being selected for use in targeted funding announcements. To participate and submit research questions, please use the link below.
PCORI suggest a patient-centered research question link

EVENTS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar: Clinical Informatics, CER, and PCOR : The Building Blocks for Meaningful Use of Big Data in Health Care
October 31, 2012
1:00 - 2:30 EDT
Academy Health Registration 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 (PCORI) has scheduled several workshops designed to obtain input from stakeholders on selecting research topics. See details for each workshop below.

> ***Transforming Patient-Centered Research: Building Partnerships and Promising Models*** *- October 27-28, 2012*
> 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, 2012*
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, 2012*
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.

More information on the workshops can be found on the **PCORI** website.

CER REPORTS

Closing the Quality Gap Series: Medication Adherence Interventions: Comparative Effectiveness
September 11, 2012
AHRQ Link

Future Research Needs: Interventions for Adolescents and Young Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorders
September 4, 2012
AHRQ Link

SELECTED SEPTEMBER JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

The Use of Patient-reported Outcomes (PRO) Within Comparative Effectiveness Research: Implications for Clinical Practice and Health Care Policy
Ahmed S, et al.
August 23, 2012, *Medical Care*
PubMed Link

Patient-Centered, Comparative Effectiveness of Esophageal Cancer Screening: Protocol for a Comparative Effectiveness Research Study to Inform Guidelines for Evidence-Based Approach to Screening and Surveillance Endoscopy.
Kramer JR, Arney J, Chen J, Richardson P, Duan Z, Street RL, Hinojosa-Lindsey M, Naik AD, El-Serag HB.
August 28, 2012, *BMC Health Services Research*
PubMed Link

Leveraging EHR Data for Outcomes and Comparative Effectiveness Research in Oncology.
Manion FJ, Harris MR, Buyuktur AG, Clark PM, An LC, Hanauer DA.
September 5, 2012, *Current Oncology Reports*
PubMed Link

Principles for Planning and Conducting Comparative Effectiveness Research
Bryan R Luce, Michael F Drummond, Robert W Dubois, Peter J Neumann, Bengt Jönsson, Uwe Siebert & J Sanford Schwartz
September 2012, *Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research*
Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research Link

Discussion Paper: Communicating with Patients on Health Care Evidence
Chuck Alston
September 25, 2012
Institute of Medicine Link

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Opportunities
If you are interested in applying for a PCORI grant, there is still a little bit of time to submit your application for their second funding cycle. Letters of Intent are due October 15th and the application is due November 30th. Please see the link below for more details on applying.

PCORI Funding Opportunities Announcements

Healthcare-Associated Infections Funding Opportunities

New funding opportunity announcements from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) solicit applications in the area of healthcare associated infections. These opportunities are as follows:

- *Large Research Projects for Prevention and Management of Healthcare-Associated Infections*
  (R01) **PA-12-241**
  Application Deadlines: Standard dates, see announcement link above
  Expiration Date: November 6, 2015

- *Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects for Prevention and Management of Healthcare-Associated Infections*
  (R18) **PA-12-240**
  Application Deadlines: Standard dates, see announcement link above
  Expiration Date: September 26, 2015

AHRQ Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)
(K99/R00) **RFA-HS-13-002**
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
Application Due Dates: December 17, 2012
Expiration Date: December 18, 2012

Pilot Intervention and Services Research Grants (R34)
(R34) **PAR-12-279**
NIH, NIHM, NIAAA
Application Due Dates: Standard dates, see announcement link above
Expiration Date: September 8, 2015

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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