New PROMIS Pediatric Measures coming soon
Several new pediatric PROMIS Measures are scheduled to be released this year. These include child and parent proxy measures in global health, physical health, mental health and social health. More details will be forthcoming from the Assessment Center. The CCER is available as a resource to any researcher interested in learning more about PROMIS and using it for research. Please contact Julie Panepinto for assistance.

PCORI Offers Continuing Education for Clinicians
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) will begin offering continuing education for clinicians. These educational activities will be focused on patient-centered outcomes research and clinical knowledge. The first of two activities available in late May will consist of online modules on study design and PCORI’s Methodology Standards. The second activity will be a video of a panel discussion on early findings of PCORI funded research. Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners and pharmacists will be eligible to receive continuing education credits.

CCER Research Think Tank/K-Club
Do you have a comparative effectiveness research (CER) idea that could benefit from feedback of fellow researchers and the perspective of patient/parent stakeholders? Consider presenting your idea at K Club or, if needed, an ad hoc session we can help arrange. We are available to assist you in inviting
faculty from within the campus that have the knowledge and expertise in your research field and also assist in identifying patient and stakeholder representatives.

If you would like to present your project idea at an ad hoc session and/or need help with identifying those with the relevant CER expertise to provide feedback at a K Club session, please contact Fouza Yusuf. To schedule a K-Club session, contact Wendy Simons at wsimons@mcw.edu.

EVENTS—CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS

ISOQOL Webinar: Doc, how bad is it? Setting standards for severity of patient reported outcomes data using item banks from PROMS and Neuro-QOL*
June 11, 2015
10:00 am – 11:30 am CST
ISOQOL Link
*Registration fee required

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
June 14-16, 2015
Minneapolis, MN
AcademyHealth Link

Getting to know PCORI: From application to closeout
June 22 – 23, 2015
Atlanta, GA
PCORI Workshop
Free registration

PCORI’s 1st Annual Meeting
October 6 – 8, 2015
Arlington, VA
PCORI Link

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CER Online Learning Center
The Ohio State University College of Public Health offers an online CER course consisting of 16 modules covering topics such as research design in CER, propensity scores, economic evaluation, decision modeling and working with health claims and complex survey data. The course is free and no registration is required.
OSU CER Online Course

Online Training in Comparative Effectiveness Research
The Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Rochester, Minnesota, offers an online training program in comparative effectiveness research that is open to partners in the Clinical and Translational Science Award consortium. There are 10 modules covering the overview of CER, collection and analysis of data, healthcare costs and outcomes, cost effective analysis, clinical decision analysis, and CER with patient-level data.

Accessing the program is easy and requires you to create a log in using your email address and a
password. Make sure to select the “Non-University of Rochester user” option before continuing. Use the link below to access the registration page.

University of Rochester CTSA Online CER Training Program

CER REPORTS

Omega 3 Fatty Acids and Cardiovascular Disease - Update -- Research Protocol
April 2, 2015
AHRQ Link

Faster, More Efficient Innovation Through Better Evidence on Real-World Safety and Effectiveness
April 28, 2015
Center for Health Policy at Brookings Link

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Translating Rare-Disease Therapies into Improved Care for Patients and Families: What Are the Right Outcomes, Designs, and Engagement Approaches in Health-Systems Research?
Beth K. Potter PhD, et al.
April 9, 2015, Genetics in Medicine
Genetics in Medicine Link

Mildred K. Cho, PhD, et al.
April 14, 2015, Annals of Internal Medicine
Annals of Internal Medicine Link

Minimally Invasive Decompression Versus Open Laminectomy for Central Stenosis of the Lumbar Spine: Pragmatic Comparative Effectiveness Study
Ulf S Nerland, et al.
April 1, 2015, BMJ
BMJ Link

Long-Term Outcomes of Analogue Insulin Compared With NPH for Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
Julia C. Prentice, PhD, et al.
April 15, 2015, The American Journal of Managed Care
AJMC Link

Comparative Effectiveness And Cost-Effectiveness Analyses Frequently Agree On Value
Henry A. Glick, et al.
May 2015, Health Affairs
Health Affairs Link
So Much More Than a “Pair of Brown Shoes”: Triumphs of Patient and Other Stakeholder Engagement in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
Amanda Brodt, Christine K. Norton and Amy Kratchman
Spring 2015, Patient Experience Journal
Patient Experience Journal Link

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research/Clinical Comparative Effectiveness Research Meeting and Conference Support
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has funds available to support meetings and conferences that align with its mission and strategic plan and that expand patient-centered research and clinical comparative effectiveness research.

Available award categories are:
- One-time awards of up to $50,000; maximum project period of one year
- Multi-year awards of up to $250,000; maximum project period of two years

These awards are made on a quarterly cycle. The next application deadline is July 1, 2015
For more information, see the announcement in the link below:
PCORI Research Meeting and Conference Support

Innovative Research Methods: Prevention and Management of Symptoms in Chronic Illness
R01 – PA-13-165
R15 – PA-13-166
R21 – PA-13-165
NIH, NINR, NCI
Application Due Dates: standard dates, see links above
Expiration Date: May 8, 2016

Pilot Effectiveness Trials for Treatment, Preventive and Services Interventions
R34 – RFA-MH-16-410
NIH, NIMH
Application Due Dates: various, please see link above
Expiration Date: October 15, 2016

Clinical Trials to Test the Effectiveness of Treatment, Preventive, and Services Interventions
R01 – RFA-MH-16-420
NIH, NIMH
Application Due Dates: various, please see link above
Expiration Date: October 15, 2016

Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Prevention and Care
R18 – PAR-15-157
NIH, NIDDK
Application Due Dates: various, please see link above
Limited Competition: Addressing Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health through Community-Based Participatory Research
R03 – PAR-15-072
Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
Application Due Dates: February 26, 2015; November 20, 2015; November 21, 2016
Expiration Date: November 22, 2016

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 contact Fouza Yusuf at fyusuf@mcw.edu/ 414-955-4837.