Conference Support from CCER

The Center for Clinical Effectiveness Research (CCER) was pleased to support the following faculty researchers to attend a forum on the application of PROMIS® in clinical research:

- Michael Levas, MD
- Sarah Dobroszi, MD

Drs. Levas and Dobroszi attended the "Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS®): From Basics to Applications in Clinical Research, Practice, and Population Health" on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA. Hosted by the PROMIS Health Organization on behalf of the PROMIS® network, this was an interdisciplinary forum that examined conceptual, methodological, clinical, and research aspects of assessing and using patient-reported outcomes (PROs). Dr. Dobroszi had this to say about her experience:

"I greatly enjoyed attending the PHO conference. This conference was attended by a wide variety of stakeholders in patient-reported outcomes and provided valuable perspectives with unique opportunities to use PROMIS in clinical and research settings. I hope to use information learned and connections made at this conference to research clinical use of PROMIS at CHW, with the ultimate goal to create a system that improves the care we provide and the experience of our patients."
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

Webinar: New Peer Review Requirements for all PCORI Awards
June 18, 2015
11:30AM - 12:30PM EDT
PCORI Link

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

PCORI Cycle 2 2015 Applicant Town Hall Sessions

- **Broad PFAS**
  - Tuesday, July 7, 2015
  - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm CDT
  - July 7 Broad PFA Town Hall

- Monday, July 13, 2015
  - 10:00 am – 11:30 am CDT
  - July 13 Broad PFA Town Hall
Methods PFA
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
10:00 am – 11:30 am CDT
Methods PFA Town Hall

NINR Big Data in Symptoms Research Methodologies Bootcamp
July 20, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EDT)
Registration for this conference is full. However, a live videocast of the first day is available to the public free of charge.

You can access the full agenda for the conference here. Additional information about the event can be found here National Institute of Nursing Research's website.

AHRQ’s 2015 Annual Research Conference: “Producing Evidence and Engaging Partners to Improve Health Care”
October 4-6, 2015
Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
Crystal City, VA
AHRQ Conference Link

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

National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report: Chartbook on Patient- and Family-Centered Care
Key Findings of the 2014 QDR
AHRQ Link

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Defining the benefits and challenges of stakeholder engagement in systematic reviews
Cottrell EK, et.al.
April 16, 2015, Comparative Effectiveness Research
Comparative Effectiveness Research Link

Managing Specialty Care in an Era of Heightened Accountability: Emphasizing Quality and Accelerating Savings
Peabody, JW; Huang, X; Shimkhada, R; Rosenthal, M
April 21, 2015, The American Journal of Managed Care
The American Journal of Managed Care Link

Comparative Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses Frequently Agree On Value
Henry Glick, et al.
May 2015, Health Affairs
Health Affairs Link

Patient-Reported Medication Adherence Barriers Among Patients with Cardiovascular Risk Factors
Leah L. Zullig, et al.
June 2015, Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy
Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Link

SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PCORI CYCLE 2, 2015
The PCORI Online Application System opens on June 29, 2015 for the second cycle of 2015’s PCORI Broad Funding Announcements (PFAs). Letters of Intent are due on July 29, 2015 and applications are due on November 3, 2015. There will be informational town hall meetings/webinars in July. Please see the Events section of this newsletter for exact dates and times.

• Broad PFAs Link: http://www.pcori.org/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
Expiration Date: November 2, 2016

**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. Current and archived issues of this newsletter can be found **here**