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## **PCORI Perspective**

I often talk about PCORI's commitment to engaging the healthcare community in everything we do, from seeking topics for research funding to being part of the teams that conduct the studies we support. One of the best examples of this is the winter meetings convened by our multi-stakeholder advisory panels.

Our advisory panels include patients, caregivers, clinicians, insurers, employers, industry representatives, policy makers, and other healthcare decision makers. Their knowledge and experience are essential to helping us review and prioritize the patient-centered comparative effectiveness research (CER) topics submitted to PCORI by stakeholders. You can visit the agendas of [upcoming panel meetings](#) to learn more about topics under discussion. Advisory panel meetings are open to the public via webcast.

We also hold multi-stakeholder workshops to further refine potential research questions that could eventually become part of PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs). We're hosting a series of four such workshops on Monday, March 7. You can read more in the "Get Involved" section below. These meetings are also open to the public via webcast.

This stakeholder approach is having an increasing impact on the studies we fund. Although we continue to be open to ideas submitted by researchers and their partners, we are dedicating a greater percentage of funding each year to topics recommended and prioritized by stakeholders.

All of our advisory panels are currently seeking new members. We hope you'll consider applying to become a member or nominate others as candidates. Learn more about the process and deadlines [here](#).

Through this collaborative approach, we're making major strides in the kind of stakeholder-driven research that will provide patients and those who care for them with the useful, relevant evidence they need to make better-informed healthcare decisions. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in that effort and

support of our work.

Joe Selby, MD, MPH  
Executive Director

## Funding News & Opportunities

### New Research Funding Opportunities Now Open

Letters of Intent (LOIs) under our recently opened Cycle 1 2016 funding opportunities are due Tuesday, March 2. We're seeking proposals through the five broad PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs) issued under our National Priorities for Research. We're also accepting LOIs for our new Dissemination and Implementation Project PFA. This opportunity is limited to previous recipients of PCORI research awards.

[Learn More](#)

### Webinars Provide Info, Tools for Funding Applicants

Get the tools and information you need to submit a successful proposal through our informational "town hall" webinars for applicants. Our next opportunity is a webinar on our Dissemination and Implementation PFA on Thursday, Feb. 11.

[Register Now](#)

### Upcoming Applicant Deadline

Time is running out for those invited to submit full applications to our Cycle 3 2015 PFAs; the deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 16. This cycle includes funding opportunities focused on new oral anticoagulants, treatment-resistant depression, opioid use, and treatment of multiple sclerosis, as well as calls for proposals issued under our five research priorities.

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### Engagement Awards

We recently approved nearly \$1 million in new awards through our Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program. These funds will support:

- A [Planetree](#) project to work with patient-family advisory councils to develop their awareness and use of PCOR.
- A [UNC Center for Maternal and Infant Health](#) effort to convene groups of mothers, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders to define unmet, patient-centered healthcare needs for women and families in the weeks following childbirth.
- The [Alstrom Syndrome International](#)'s series of meetings to establish a new way of thinking about this rare genetic disease and explore the Alstrom community's views of and needs for PCOR and CER.
- A [University of Kentucky Research Foundation](#) project that will help determine what information spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and stroke patients and their healthcare providers in rural communities need to make health decisions.

To date, we've awarded about \$18 million to support nearly 100 projects through the Engagement Awards program. Visit [the Engagement Awards page](#) to learn more.

## Research Updates

### **New blog post: Collaborating to Build Better Research**

Collaboration is a key component of our efforts to engage patients and the broader healthcare community in our work. Carrie D. Wolinetz, PhD, a guest blogger from the Office of Science Policy at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) explains how PCORI has worked with NIH to share information and establish the framework for two large research projects.

[Read More](#)

## Get Involved

### **Stakeholder Workshops Will Prioritize CER Questions**

We're hosting a series of day-long stakeholder workshops on Monday, March 7, to discuss CER questions related to four topics: management of sickle cell disease, patient-centered palliative care, preventing opioid misuse in pain management, and second-line treatment of Type 2 diabetes. Representatives of a wide range of stakeholder groups, including patients, caregivers, clinicians, industry, insurers, and researchers, will participate. In-person attendance is by invitation only but the public is welcome to listen in via teleconference and webinar.

[Learn More](#)

### **Share Your Feedback on Methodology Standards Revisions**

The public comment period is open for our new and revised PCORI Methodology Standards. You may share your opinions through Monday, March 28. Revisions include the addition of three new standards to the existing 11 methodological categories and five new standards in a new category, Standards for Designs Using Clusters.

[Review and Comment](#)

## Board Meeting

Our Board of Governors will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23. An agenda for the meeting will be posted in advance of the event. Join us via teleconference and webinar.

[Register Now](#)

## Important Dates

### **Meetings & Events**

#### **February 11**

[Applicant Webinar](#)

#### **February 16**

[Cycle 3 2015 Project Funding Announcements](#)

#### **February 23**

[Board of Governors Meeting](#)

**March 8**

[Stakeholder Workshops](#)

**Application Deadlines**

**March 2**

[Cycle 1 National Priorities for Research PFA](#)

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