

Meet the Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

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Get To Know PCORI®

PCORI

- Nonprofit that funds patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER)
- Widely acknowledged as a leader in driving U.S. clinical research to become more patient-centered
- Provides funding for CER, engagement in research, dissemination and implementation and research infrastructure projects





Our Mission

Help people make better-informed healthcare decisions, and improve healthcare delivery and outcomes, by producing and promoting high-integrity, evidence-based information that comes from research guided by patients, caregivers, and the broader healthcare community

Multiple Funding Opportunities

| Types of PCORI-Funded Projects

CER Awards

- Fund studies comparing two or more treatments, services or health practices

Dissemination and Implementation Awards

- Fund projects to deliver the evidence to those who can use it

Engagement Awards

- Fund projects to bring more patients, caregivers, clinicians and communities into the health research process



CER Funding Opportunities: Broad and Focused

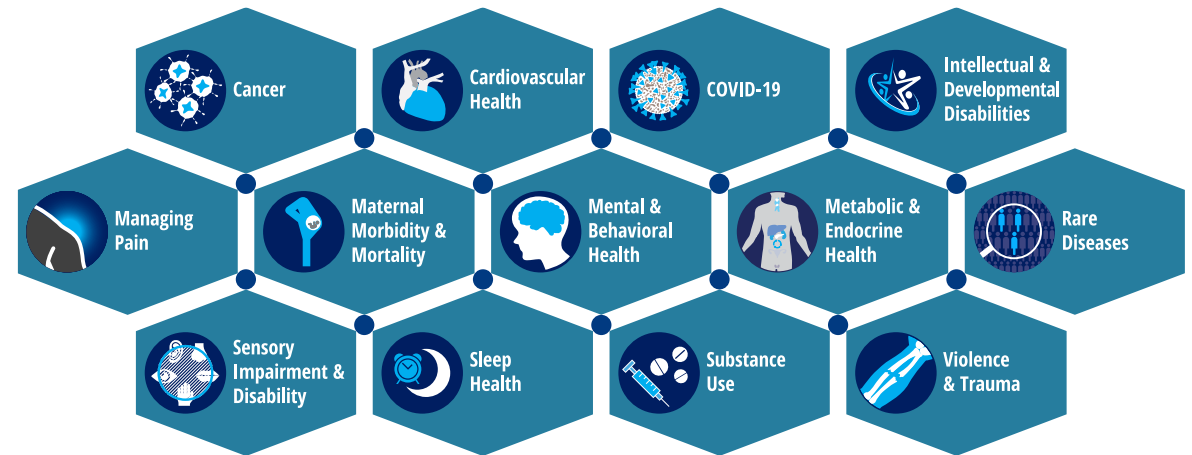
Broad

- Solicits CER proposals on any topic generated by CER community
- Aligned with PCORI's National Priorities for Health

Topic-Focused

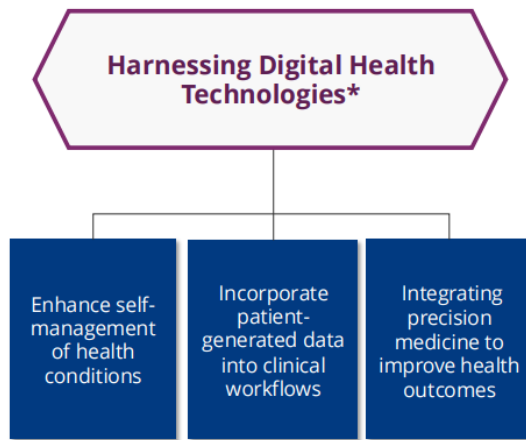
- Solicits CER proposals aligned to the Topic Themes
- Emphasize patient-centered needs and creative approaches to close evidence gaps

PCORI'S RESEARCH PROJECT AGENDA TOPIC THEMES



New Topic Themes Approved Sept 16, 2025

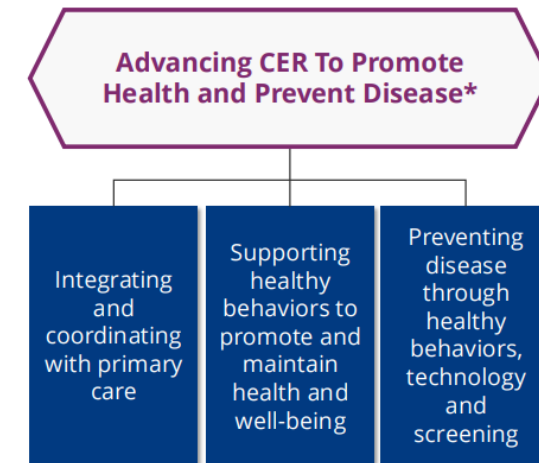
Harnessing Digital Health Technologies: A Proposed RPA Topic Theme and Example Research Areas of Focus



Example Research Areas of Focus

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Advancing CER To Promote Health and Prevent Disease: A Proposed Research Project Agenda Topic Theme



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Research Funding Opportunities



Phased Large Awards for Comparative Effectiveness Research

Large, meritorious and innovative studies with some risks

Up to \$22M
(for feasibility and full-scale study phases)

Broad Pragmatic Studies

Studies aligned with at least one of PCORI's three funding categories, including PCORnet® studies

1. Up to \$5M
2. \$5 to 12M
3. Up to \$12M

Topic-Focused

Stakeholder-driven topics, issues and questions of national significance

Variable

Science of Engagement

Development and validation of measures; development and testing of engagement techniques

1. Up to \$1M
2. Up to \$1.5M

Methods

Improve use of AI and ML, improve study design, support data research networks, ethical and human subject protections in CER

Up to \$750K

2025 Funding Cycle LOI Deadlines

Cycle 1: Jan. 14 | Cycle 2: May 13 | Cycle 3: Sept. 23

*All funds and timeline noted above are subject to change

Dissemination and Implementation of PCORI-Funded Research Findings



Engagement Dissemination *(open competition)*

Support projects that help organizations and communities actively deliver PCORI-funded research findings

Up to \$300K

Open Dates:
Jan. 16 and July 17

Dissemination Projects *(limited competition)*

Support projects that facilitate active communication of PCORI-funded research findings

Up to \$300K

Open Dates:
Aug. 12

Implementation Planning *(limited competition)*

Support the planning of projects that facilitate the uptake of evidence from PCORI-funded studies into practice

Up to \$200K

Open Dates:
Aug. 12

Implementation Projects *(limited competition)*

Support projects that facilitate the uptake of evidence from PCORI-funded studies into practice

Up to \$2.5M

Open Dates:
Aug. 12

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Engagement Funding Opportunities



Capacity Building	Convening Support
Support projects that help communities increase their ability to participate across all phases of CER	Convene communities of interest to explore critical issues related to CER and/or communicate PCORI-funded research findings to targeted communities
\$300K	\$125K
Up to 2 Years	Up to 1 Year
2025 Funding Cycle LOI Deadlines	
Fall: April 1 Spring: Sept. 29	

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Engagement Funding Opportunities



Capacity Building

Support projects that help communities increase their ability to participate across all phases of CER

\$300K

Up to 2 Years

A screenshot of the PCORI website. The top navigation bar includes the PCORI logo and links for Funding Opportunities, Research & Related Projects, Engagement in Research, Implementation of Evidence, Health Topics, News & Events, and About. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: Explore Our Portfolio > Creating a Collaborative Comparative Effectiveness Research Agenda for Autistic Adolescents. The main content area features a title 'Creating a Collaborative Comparative Effectiveness Research Agenda for Autistic Adolescents' with tabs for 'Engagement Award Project' and 'Completed'. A 'Notice' section states that the project, findings, and content are the responsibility of the awardee. Below the notice is a 'Project Summary' section with a 'Background' paragraph. On the right side, there is a 'Close Menu' button and a 'Jump to Section' dropdown menu with links to Project Summary, Journal Citations, Project Information, and Key Dates.

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The National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network - PCORnet®



- National-scale resource to conduct patient-centered CER
- 13,000+ clinical care sites
- 47 million patients with an encounter
- Research ecosystem also well suited to conduct:
 - Real-world evidence studies
 - Pragmatic clinical trials
 - Population health research
 - Health systems research
 - Studies on how best to engage patients in research



PCORnet® Clinical Research Network Locations



PCORnet in with Clinica



PaTH

[PaTH](#), a PCORnet® Clinical Research Network, has a mission to utilize patient-empowered research to answer critical questions and enable more informed health decisions, including: linking EHR data across health care systems while ensuring patient privacy; engaging patients and clinicians to identify critical research questions and participate in research; and developing convenient survey methods to let patients share their perspectives on health topics with their health care teams.

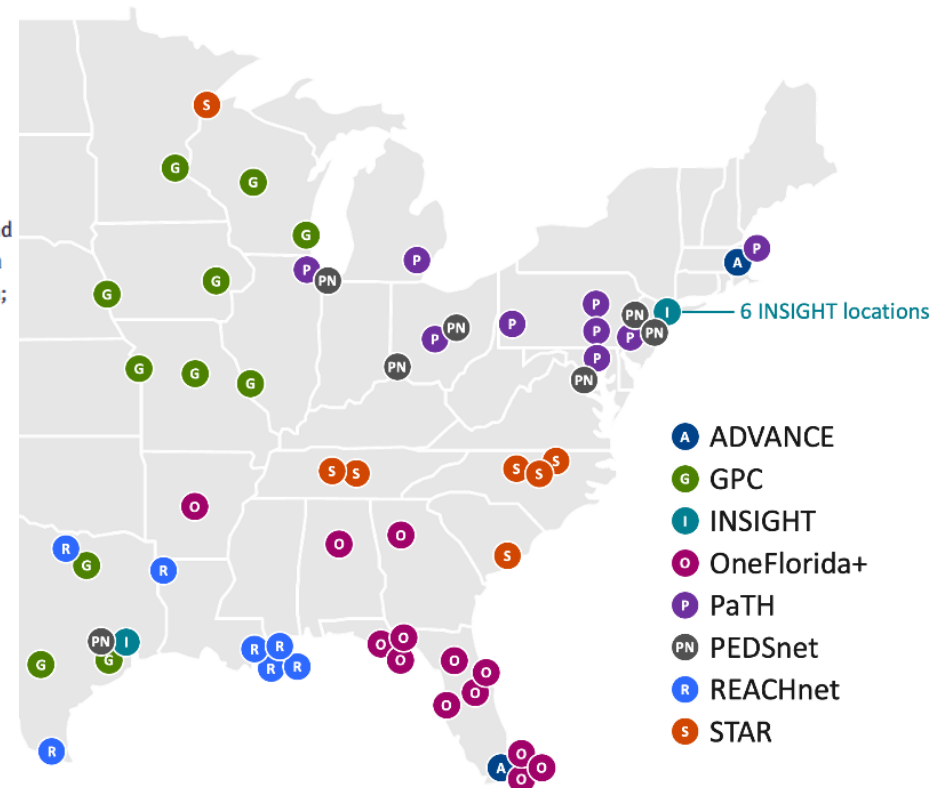
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[University of Pittsburgh](#) (Lead)
[Boston Medical Center](#)
[Geisinger](#)
[Johns Hopkins University](#)
[Ohio State University](#)
[Rush University Medical Center](#)
[Temple University](#)
[University of Michigan](#)

offers access to real-world data through partnerships
networks (CRNs)



What are Clinical Research Networks?

CRNs are groups of healthcare institutions across the U.S., from large academic health centers to local community clinics, united by a commitment to speed patient-centered research via PCORnet.



Representative
Involvement



Early & Ongoing
Engagement



Dedicated Funds for
Engagement &
Partner Compensation



Build Capacity To
Work as a Team



Meaningful Inclusion of
Partners in
Decision Making



Ongoing Review &
Assessment of
Engagement

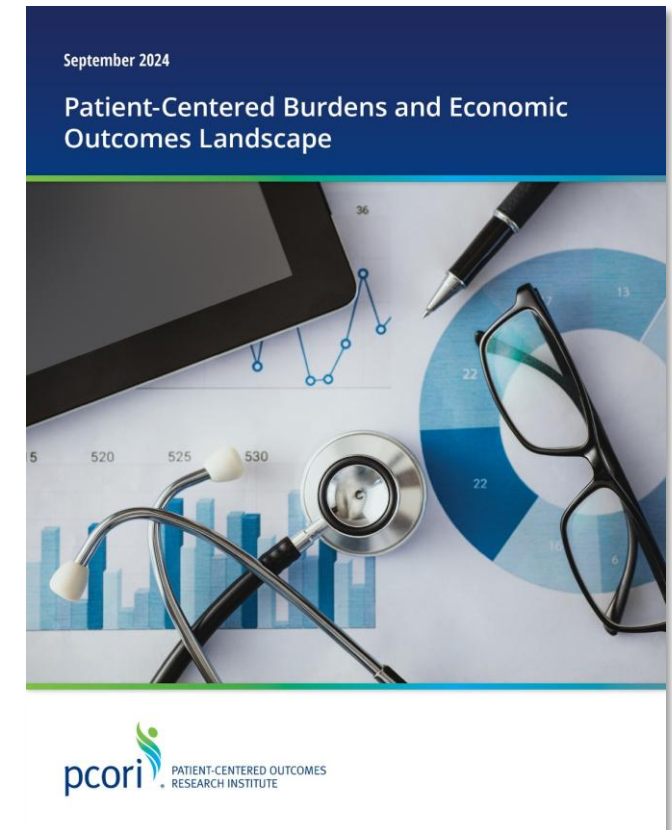
[Online Guidance](#)

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| Patient-Centered Burdens and Economic Outcomes (PCBEOs)

- PCORI encourages its funded researchers to capture the full range of outcomes in CER, including PCBEOs
- Include often-overlooked financial impacts that can create barriers to care
 - Examples: Lost wages, transportation expenses, childcare costs
- Available Resources:
 - PCBEO Landscape report with practical examples
 - Technical support documents providing research guidance



Get Involved and Stay Connected

Get Involved

Several Ways to Get Involved with PCORI

- Apply to serve on one of PCORI's five Advisory Panels
- Become a Merit Reviewer
- Become a PCORI Ambassador
- Become a Peer Reviewer
- Participate in PCORI Events
- Suggest a Patient-Centered Research Question



Apply or Nominate Someone Today:

- Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science
- Clinical Trials
- Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research
- Patient Engagement
- Rare Diseases



Stay Connected

Looking to Stay Current on All Things PCORI?

Sign up to receive our weekly email newsletter and alerts about:

- Funding opportunities
- Results from our funded research
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- Our new strategic initiatives and more!

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