

# CER Updates

From the Center for Clinical Effectiveness Research

Julie Panepinto, MD, MSPH – Director

Trafford Crump, PhD – Associate Director

Fouza Yusuf, MPH – Program Coordinator

JUNE, 2015

## CONTENTS

CER NEWS .....	
EVENTS—CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS.....	
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES .....	
CER REPORTS.....	
REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS.....	
SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS.....	
SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES .....	
Additional Information .....	

## CER NEWS

### 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<sup>®</sup> in clinical research:

- Michael Levas, MD
- Sarah Dobroszi, MD

Drs. Levas and Dobroszi attended the “Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS<sup>®</sup>): 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<sup>®</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:fyusuf@mcw.edu)/ 414-955-4837. Current and archived issues of this newsletter can be found [here](#)*