

Engage With PCORI!

- [Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program](#)
 - The Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award program, named in honor of the first chair of PCORI's Board of Governors, is intended to bring more patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other [healthcare stakeholders](#) into the research process. The goal is to support projects that will build a community better able to participate in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) and serve as channels to disseminate study results.
- [Ambassador Program](#)
 - The Ambassador Program is a volunteer network of individuals dedicated to changing the culture of health research. In their communities and nationally, Ambassadors are shifting how research is being done by partnering with researchers, leading engagement initiatives, setting priorities, and spreading the word about the importance of stakeholder-engaged research.
- [Merit Review](#)
 - PCORI Merit Review is a multi-phase process that includes the external review panel's preliminary online review of full applications and an in-person panel discussion of a subset of applications (identified by PCORI's Program staff and based on the preliminary review and program priorities). Merit review is informed by the PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) Development and Letter Of Intent (LOI) Review processes.
 - After merit review, key steps include: post-panel review of application by PCORI staff; Selection Committee recommendation of applications for funding; and finally, Board of Governors award approval.
- [Peer Review](#)
 - The goal of peer review is to ensure that PCORI-funded primary research studies are held to the highest standards of scientific integrity, methodological rigor, and relevance and usefulness to patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders. Our process includes review of study findings by content experts, methodologists, patients, and other healthcare stakeholders with experience related to the study.
 - By law, all PCORI-funded primary research must undergo peer review and all results must be made available to the public. For more information, read [PCORI's Process for Peer Review of Primary Research and Public Release of Research Findings](#), which was adopted by our Board of Governors in February 2015.
- [Meetings and Events](#)
 - The PCORI Annual Meeting brings together members of the healthcare community, including researchers, patients, caregivers, clinicians, insurers, health system representatives, and other stakeholders. The event serves as a report to the nation on PCORI's progress in funding initiatives. The 2021 PCORI Virtual Annual Meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, November 17 - Friday, November 19, 2021**, will offer attendees accessible learning and networking opportunities.

- [Stay Up-to-Date!](#)
 - The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute sends weekly emails to notify you of newly funded research and engagement awards, opportunities to apply for funding, results of our funded research, stakeholder workshops, and original feature stories about our work.
 - Sign up to receive email notifications when a research study's results summaries and final research report are posted, or when it publishes a peer-reviewed journal article with primary research results. Click on the "Sign Up for Updates to This Study" button on a study page. Explore our portfolio of funded projects [here](#).

Engagement Resources

- [Research Fundamentals](#)
 - PCORI's on-demand training package, *Research Fundamentals*, offers different ways to learn about the health research process and be involved in patient-centered outcomes research. It is designed to help you understand the language and logic of the research process in an engaging and easy-to-grasp way.
- [Engagement Tool and Resource Repository](#)
 - The [Engagement Tool and Resource Repository for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research \(PCOR\)](#) is sortable by tool/resource focus, health condition, stakeholder audience, targeted population, and phase of research in which the engagement occurred. Users can also use the keyword search box to find tools and resources by other parameters of interest.
- [Engagement Literature Explorer](#)
 - Finding literature on engagement in health research can be challenging, because there are no standard search terms or language for describing what engagement means in this context. So, PCORI staff members have put together a searchable list of publications on engagement in health research, selected through a process [described here](#).
 - This resource is sortable by article topic type, types of stakeholders engaged, and phase(s) of research in which engagement occurred, from identifying research questions to sharing study results. Articles are listed if they met our search and inclusion criteria.