



PCORI FUNDING FACT SHEET

What does PCORI fund?

PCORI funds two main areas of research:

Comparative Clinical Effectiveness Research (CER)

- Studies that improve health or health care outcomes, including risks and benefits, of two or more approaches to health care

CER Methods and Infrastructure

- Studies to improve the methods available for patient-centered CER
- Development of a large, highly representative electronic-data infrastructure called PCORnet®, The National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, for improving the conduct of patient-centered CER

Research focus areas

“PCORI’s Research Project Agenda includes a set of broad Topic Themes, approved by PCORI’s Board of Governors in July 2022, as well as ongoing topics—preventing maternal morbidity and mortality, improving outcomes for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD), addressing COVID-19, and addressing rare disease. The broad Topic Themes speak to health issues facing large numbers of people in the United States including children, youth, and older adults and address urgent topics such as violence and trauma, substance use, and mental and behavioral health, as well as widespread conditions including cardiovascular disease, pain management, and sleep health.”

Mission of PCORI

Mission: “PCORI helps people make informed healthcare decisions, and improves 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.”

Vision: “Patients and the public have information they can use to make decisions that reflect their desired health outcomes.”

More about PCORI

PCORI homepage: <https://www.pcori.org>

Annual meeting: <https://www.pcori.org/annual-meeting>

Foundational Expectations for Partnerships in Research:

<https://www.pcori.org/engagement-research/engagement-resources/foundational-expectations>

PCORI stories: <https://www.pcori.org/implementation-evidence/pcori-stories>

PCORI in literature: <https://www.pcori.org/research/pcori-literature>

Research areas of PCORI

Populations

- Improving outcomes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Promoting health for older adults
- Addressing violence and trauma

Health conditions

- Addressing COVID-19
- Addressing rare diseases
- Improving cardiovascular health
- Improving mental and behavioral health
- Managing pain
- Preventing maternal morbidity and mortality (MMM)
- Promoting sleep health

<https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/what-who-we-fund/research-project-agenda-topic-themes-inform-focused-funding-opportunities/2022-2024-research-project-agenda-topic-themes>

About PCORI-funded research

“Engaging patients, caregivers and the broader healthcare community is at the core of PCORI’s patient-centered approach to research funding. Our goal is to support research that will provide reliable, useful information to help people make informed healthcare decisions and improve patient care and outcomes.

Since 2010, PCORI has awarded more than \$5 billion in funding to support more than 2,400 research studies and related projects, including those that support the methods and capacity for conducting research.”

Patient-Centered CER

- Key features include:
 - Compares at least two healthcare options
 - Focuses on outcomes that are meaningful to patients
 - Engages patients and other stakeholders at every stage
 - Studies benefits and harms of care delivered in real-world settings
 - Adheres to PCORI's Methodology Standards
 - Is likely to improve current clinical practice

Collaboration

- They support collaboration with other research funders to influence others to engage in patient-centered outcomes studies. Such partnerships also can leverage expertise across the research community to maximize the impact of PCORI's investments.

Advancing CER Methods

- PCORI's Methodology Committee has developed standards for all of the research we fund. These standards represent basic practices in planning, designing, and conducting studies to ensure patient-centeredness and engagement throughout the research process.
- Standards: <https://www.pcori.org/research-related-projects/about-our-research/research-methodology/pcori-methodology-report>

Evaluating Progress

- As proponents of evidence-based practice, they're eager to learn what works best to ensure that the research we fund produces useful information that leads to improved health outcomes. Through evaluation activities, they also discover how they can improve work and assess the impact of our patient-centered approach.

Where to find previously funded PCORI projects

PCORI allows you to search a repository of PCORI-funded comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) studies, as well as projects that seek to encourage engagement in research, disseminate and implement PCORI-funded research findings, and improve the nation's capacity to conduct patient-centered CER, among others.

<https://www.pcori.org/explore-our-portfolio>