

PCORI Methods PFA

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Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

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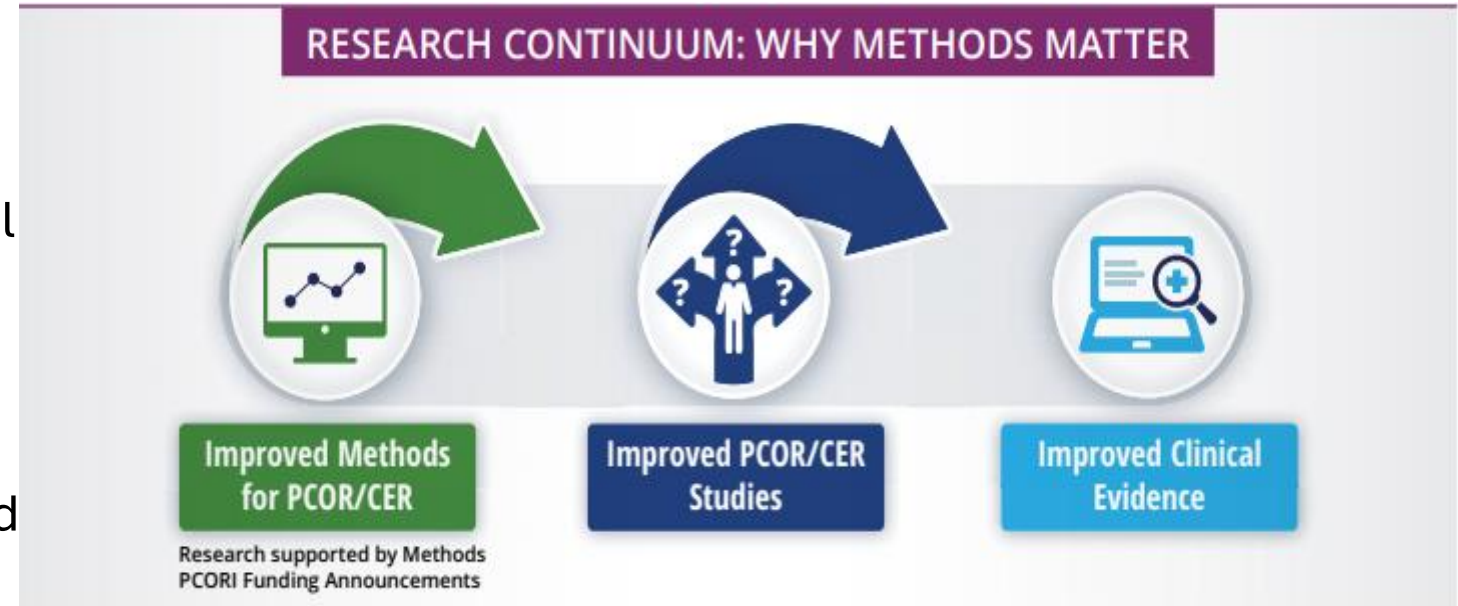
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- Leading funder of patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER)
- Independent, nonprofit, research institute
- Funds research designed to help people make better informed healthcare decisions



Improving the Methods of CER

- **PCORI National Priority**
 - Accelerating patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) and methodological research.
- **Methods PFA**
 - Funds research that addresses important methodological gaps and advances understanding and appropriate use of methods for PCOR/CER in a systematic manner.
- As of the December 2022, PCORI has awarded \$150 million to fund 140 Methods projects.



- Projects *must* fall under at least one of four categories:
 - Ethical and Human Subjects Protections (HSP) Issues in Patient-Centered CER
 - Improve Study Design
 - Support Data Research Networks
 - Improve Use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Clinical Research
- Offered every cycle, 3/year
- Max \$750k direct costs
- Max 3 year research period + 1 year for drafting the Final Research Report

- Letter of Intent
 - Reviewed for responsiveness
- Full Application
 - Reviewed for continued responsiveness, including to feedback given alongside LOI acceptance
- Online and Panel Merit Review
 - Provided by independent experts
- PCORI Information Request (PIR)
 - Comparable to NIH's JIT
- Award Notification

Reach out to us with questions!



- We're happy to talk about ideas with potential applicants
- Email: sciencequestions@pcori.org
 - Mention the Methods PFA to make sure it gets routed to us
- Helps to include a paragraph or two about your core idea in addition to any questions about the PFA or application processes