

PCORI Methods PFA



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PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES
RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Leading Funder of CER in U.S.



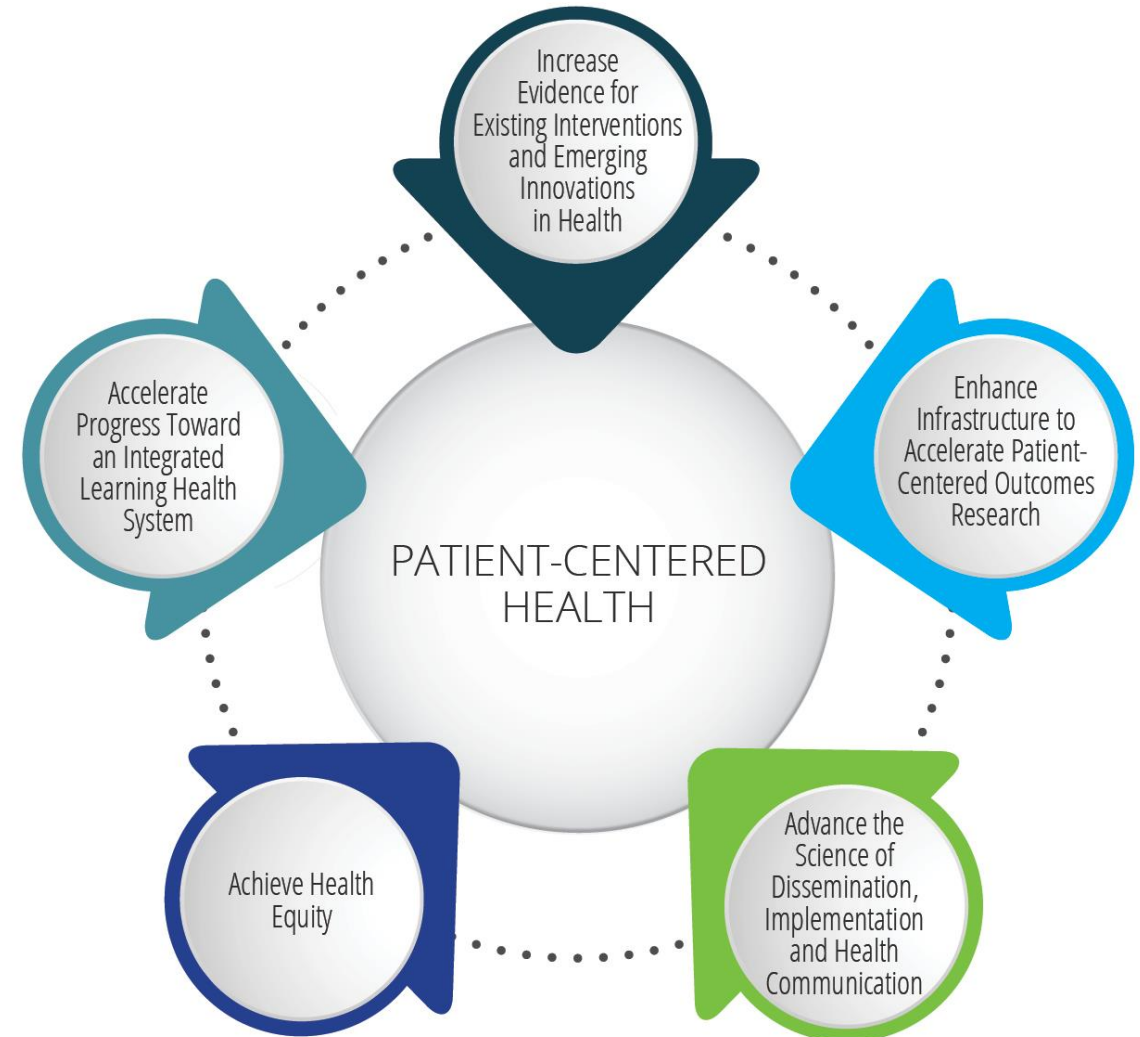
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- Leading funder of patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER)
- Independent, nonprofit, research institute
- Funds research designed to help people make better informed healthcare decisions



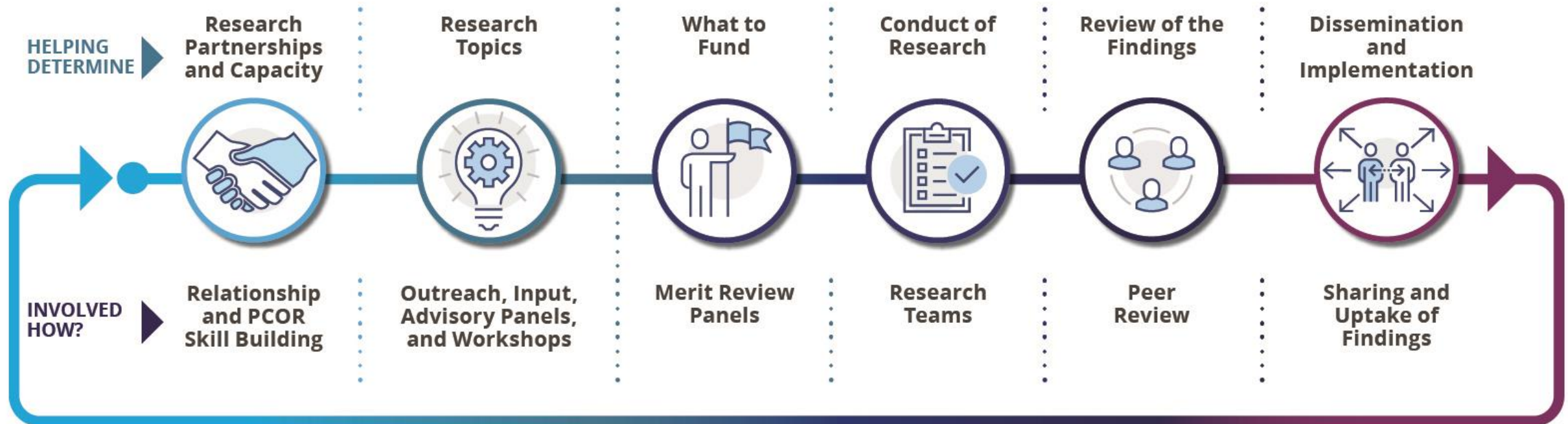
National Priorities for Health

- Five ambitious long-term goals
- Interconnected and mutually reinforcing
- Purpose:
 - Drive PCORI's research funding and other initiatives
 - Make a positive and significant impact on patient-centered care and health outcomes



Engagement in Research

PATIENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ARE INVOLVED IN...



Improving the Methods of Patient-Centered CER

- The goal of the Methods PFA is to fund methodological research projects that address critical methodological gaps that lead to improvements in the strength & quality of evidence generated by patient-centered CER studies.



- As of April 2025, PCORI has awarded \$166 million to fund 170 Methods projects.

- Projects must fall under at least one of the four programmatic priorities:
 - Methods to Improve Study Design
 - Methods to Support Data Research Networks
 - Methods to Improve Use of AI/ML
 - Methods Related to Ethical and Human Subjects Protection Issues in CER
- Offered 3 cycles/year, with up to \$750K in direct cost
- Max 3-year research period + 1 year for drafting the Final Research Report

- Letter of Intent (LOI)
 - 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!

- If you have a question about a potential project, reach out to sciencequestions@pcori.org
 - Mention the Methods PFA to make sure it gets routed to us
- Visit pcori.org/apply
 - Submission instructions
 - FAQs
 - Other resources