Primary Care: Partners in Evidence Building and Dissemination

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Agenda

• AHRQ’s New Mission
• AHRQ’s New Priorities
• Importance of PBRNS
• Addressing Gaps, Gaining Efficiencies
• Dissemination Partners
To produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work with HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used.
AHRQ Priorities

Priority #1
Produce Evidence to Improve Health Care Quality

Priority #2
Produce Evidence to Make Health Care Safer

Priority #3
Produce Evidence to Increase Access to Health Care

Priority #4
Produce Evidence to Improve Health Care Affordability, Efficiency and Cost Transparency
Funding Reconfiguration: Anticipated in 2015

Emphasized at AHRQ

- Patient Safety
- Health Information Technology
- Health Services Research, Data, and Dissemination

Research Opportunities, Elsewhere

- NIH
- PCORI
- CMS
- ONC
- CDC
- HRSA
Six-Year Trend In Investigator-Initiated Research Funding

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More Than $170 Million in Total Grant Activity

- Investigator-Initiated Research: $45.9 million
- Patient Safety: $32.8 million
- Health IT: $65.7 million
- Prevention and Care Management: $24 million
- PCOR*: $5.4 million

*PCOR funding is an estimate for FY 2015. All other figures are for FY 2014.
Accelerating Adoption of PCOR: Focusing on ABBCS

- Grants for dissemination of patient-centered outcomes research to small- and medium-size primary care practices
- Focus: Million Hearts™ ABBCS (aspirin use among people with heart disease, blood pressure control, high blood cholesterol control and smoking cessation advice and support) campaign to prevent heart attacks and strokes
Proposed $15 million patient safety initiative in the President’s budget includes funding for improvements in primary care settings.
Importance of Practice-Based Research Networks

- Draw on the experience and insight of practicing clinicians to identify and frame research questions to improve the practice of primary care

- Collaboration and Partnerships

- Affiliate PBRNs (e.g., dental, pharmacy, international PBRNs)

- Produce research findings that are immediately relevant to the clinician and easily assimilated into everyday practice

- Dissemination

McWhinney I R BMJ 1998; 318:1807-1809
Practice Transformation

Practice Facilitation

http://pcmh.ahrq.gov

Health Risk Assessment


Health IT

Regional Health eDecisions: Connecting HIE in Primary Care

http://www.healthit.ahrq.gov/RegionalHealtheDecisionsGuide.PDF

Interactive Personal Health Care Records

• How do we effectively disseminate PCOR findings?

• What is truly needed to have patient and family engagement at the point of care?

• What configuration of Primary Care Medical Homes works best, when and why?
Thank You

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