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### Funding Opportunities



#### **New Opportunity: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Application System to Open August 6**


The application system for five broad Priority Funding Areas (PFAs) opened Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications for the following PFAs are available: Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options; Improving Healthcare Systems; Communication and Dissemination Research; Addressing Disparities; and Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research. Letters of intent are due September 5, 2014 and applications are due November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Upcoming Events



Please see below for two upcoming events that may be of interest. Be sure to visit the [PBRN Events](#) page for more information on these and other exciting PBRN events!

**New Event: Using Health IT to Reduce Medication Errors and Improve Patient Safety**   
*August 26, 2014, 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM EDT*

**Presenters:** Stephen Atlas, M.D., Director, Primary Care Research & Quality Improvement Network, Massachusetts General Hospital; William Basco M.D., M.S., Professor, Medical University of South Carolina; Michael Weiner, M.D, M.P.H., Associate Professor of Medicine, Indiana University

**Moderator:** P. Jon White, M.D., Director, Health IT Portfolio, AHRQ

**Description:** This session will review research to improve medication management strategies to reduce errors and improve outcomes through (1) implementation of the “Medication Metronome” project to support between-visit medication safety monitoring and dose adjustment for patients with chronic conditions, (2) evaluation of the potential severity of specific Look-Alike, Sound-Alike (LASA) drug name substitution errors in pediatric ambulatory practice to flag potential errors, and (3) implementation of a medication reconciliation program that seeks to understand how electronic facilitation of medication reconciliation alters the incidence of medication errors in ambulatory care. There are 1.5 continuing education (CE) credits available to participants who attend the entire Web conference and complete the online evaluation.

Brought to you by the AHRQ Health IT Portfolio. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**Reminder: Various Types of IRB Cooperation In Support of Practice-Based Research** 

*September 10, 2014, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM EDT*

**Presented by:** LeAnn Michaels, Network Manager, Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network (ORPRN); Jeanette M. Daly, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Director, Iowa Research Network (IRENE); Tabria Winer, M.P.H., Coordinator, Shared Network of Collaborative Ambulatory Practices & Partners (SNOCAP); Amanda Ross, Administrative Director, Collaborative Ohio Inquiry Network (COIN)

**Description:** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, September 10 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ET, on various types of Institutional Review Board (IRB) cooperation that can be pursued to support practice-based research. The presenters will define and describe processes for ceding review to a lead IRB, serving as the IRB of record and participating in reliant IRB review. The presenters will also give examples of how practice-based research networks have successfully implemented these processes. This webinar has been approved for 1.25 elective CME credits.

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## Featured Publications, Tools and Resources



**New Resource: Quality Improvement in Primary Care: External Supports for Practices** 

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a new fact sheet, *Quality Improvement in Primary Care: External Supports for Practices*. This fact sheet, developed by Mathematica Policy Research under a contract with AHRQ, describes the importance of quality improvement (QI) in primary care and the supports available to help primary care practices engage in ongoing and productive QI efforts. [Click here](#) to access the fact sheet.

**New Publication: National Evaluation of the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program** 

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has published the ninth *Evaluation Highlight* from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant Program, now available on the [national evaluation website](#). This Highlight focuses on how six states are using grant funds to support the use of care coordinators as practices implement patient-centered medical home models. AHRQ is leading the national evaluation of the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services funds the evaluation. [Click here](#) to access this publication.

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