

Research Transformation Committee Charter

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The Research Transformation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (“PCORI”) shall advise and assist the Board of Governors and PCORI on ~~the strategic goal of~~ encouraging clinical and health care research, including research funded by others, to be the development of more patient-centric ~~research by promoting open science, the development of transformative research platforms, and the conduct of more patient-centric and methodologically rigorous research, including~~ as set forth in the “Responsibilities” section of this Charter. The Committee shall serve as a strategy committee of PCORI and shall not have delegated authority of the Board.

Membership

The Committee shall consist of at least five members of the Board and up to two Methodology Committee members. The members shall include the Chair and any Vice-Chair of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall be nominated by the Governance Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Board, in accordance with the Bylaws. Any member of the Committee can be removed from the Committee at any time by vote of a majority of the Board.

The Chair of the Committee shall be nominated by the Governance Committee, and approved by majority vote of the Board. The Chair shall serve a term of one (1) year, and can serve as Chair for no more than three (3) consecutive years. The Chair can be removed from such position at any time by vote of a majority of the Board.

If the Board approves a Vice-Chair for the Committee, the Vice-Chair shall serve a term of one (1) year, and can serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee for no more than three (3) consecutive years. A Vice-Chair can be removed from such position at any time by a vote of a majority of the Board.

Quorum and Voting

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Committee. The act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee. If for any reason the number of Committee members should fall below seven, the Committee may continue to conduct business pending appointment of additional members, provided that the Committee shall not conduct business without at least four members present and voting.

Committee Operations

The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Committee Chair, upon the call of a majority of its members, or upon the call of the Board Chairperson, provided that reasonable notice has been provided to all Committee members. Meetings may be held in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic means that allow appropriate participation by all members. The Committee may meet periodically in executive session without management present, shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall report

regularly to the Board. The Committee shall be staffed by project management specialists and by such other staff as the Executive Director, with the counsel of the Committee, deems appropriate.

Committee Responsibilities

The Committee shall have the responsibility of advising and making recommendations to the Board of Governors and PCORI on the following matters, as well as any other responsibilities reasonably related to its purposes or assigned by the Board Chairperson or the Board of Governors:

- **Provide direction for the development of PCORnet.** ~~Encourage the development of transformative research platforms by creating an assessment of the short- and long-term opportunities~~ ~~Create an assessment of the unmet needs~~ PCORnet ~~might~~will fill; use this knowledge to ~~craft~~provide a viable framework ~~to support~~for the infrastructure of a functional national~~the~~ network. ~~Develop a short-term and long-term vision for how PCORnet will be utilized as part of a broader national PCOR infrastructure, with particular attention to its suitability for and success in attracting both outside researchers and other funders.~~
- **Promote open science.** Develop a PCORI-specific approach to supporting and promoting open science and reproducible research, in concert with the Methodology Committee.
- **Develop plans related to the dissemination/adoption of PCORI methodology standards.** In conjunction with the Methodology Committee, review and monitor the creation and implementation of plans for disseminating PCORI's methodology standards. Encourage the development of processes that measure adoption of methodology standards, and more broadly, the application of more rigorous patient-centric research.
- **Propose PCORI strategy for co-funding partnerships/alternative funding models, and evaluate the success of such models.** Evaluate the ~~options for~~advantages and risks to PCORI ~~to~~of co-funding or contracting ~~ing~~ with other institutions to support the management of larger (e.g., greater than \$1M) projects, as a means of conducting these studies more efficiently and of encouraging other institutions or agencies to conduct large-scale patient-centric research.
- **Evaluate**~~Consider~~ **workforce training needs.** Make recommendations regarding PCORI's support of PCOR workforce training, including the dissemination of training awards and policies for ~~young~~ investigators new to PCOR, in consultation with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the National Institutes of Health.
- **Confer with and oversee PCORI Evaluation Group activities related to the** ~~strategic~~ **goal identified above**, including the development of metrics and measures of success for all of the activities listed above.
- **Annual review of the Committee Charter.** Evaluate Committee's own performance and coordination with other Committees, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board.



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History:

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