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Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
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Re: National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda

Submitted electronically to: Info@PCORI.org

Cleveland Clinic (CC) is a not-for-profit, integrated healthcare system dedicated to patient care, teaching and research. Our health system is comprised of a main campus, eight community hospitals and 16 family health centers with over 3,000 salaried physicians and scientists. Last year, our system had more than four million patient visits and over 165,000 hospital admissions. We appreciate the dedication of the PCORI staff and the work they have devoted to its mission. The following are the comments of Cleveland Clinic with respect to the proposed priorities for research and the research agenda.

Cleveland Clinic has reviewed the priorities and research agenda developed by PCORI. We fully support the research mission and the overall direction of the agenda. We believe that the areas of research focusing on specific interventions and patient decision-making will advance comparative effectiveness research.

Thank you for conducting a thoughtful process that allows us to provide input on such important issues and for your consideration of this information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information

Sincerely,



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