PCORI Milestones

During our first eight years, PCORI has funded more than $2 billion in research projects and more than $57 million in engagement support. In addition, it has established key initiatives to enhance study methods and build capacity for more-efficient research.

2010

MARCH
• Congress authorizes establishment of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

SEPTEMBER
• US Government Accountability Office (GAO) appoints PCORI Board of Governors

2011

JANUARY
• GAO appoints PCORI Methodology Committee

JULY
• Joe V. Selby, MD, MPH, begins as PCORI’s Executive Director

2012

MAY
• Following public comment, Board adopts National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda

JUNE
• Board approves $30.6 million for 50 Pilot Project awards

NOVEMBER
• Following public comment, Board adopts PCORI Methodology Standards

DECEMBER
• Board approves $40.7 million for first 25 comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) studies

2013

MARCH
• 84 people named to first multi-stakeholder advisory panels

APRIL
• PCORI announces plan for PCORnet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network

MAY
• PCORI issues first call for studies to fill gaps in methodological research

JUNE
• Capacity-building Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program announced

SEPTEMBER
• Board approves $18 million for first 19 projects on improving research methods
• PCORI announces Pragmatic Clinical Studies Initiative

OCTOBER
• Pipeline to Proposal Awards program launched to build research readiness

DECEMBER
• Board approves $93.5 million to support 29 health data networks to form PCORnet
• PCORI announces first 30 Pipeline to Proposal Awards projects

2014

MARCH
• Board appoints members to new advisory panels on rare disease and clinical trials

JUNE
• PCORI and National Institute on Aging announce awardee for $30 million study on preventing fall-related injuries in older adults

SEPTEMBER
• PCORI and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality announce awardee for $20 million study on uterine fibroids treatment
2015

FEBRUARY
• Following public comment, Board adopts process for peer review and public release of research findings
• Board approves $64.1 million for first five pragmatic clinical studies

MARCH
• GAO issues initial assessment saying PCORI has met or is in the process of meeting its legislative mandates

APRIL
• PCORI names members of new advisory panel on communication and dissemination research

MAY
• Board approves $14 million for study of optimal aspirin dosing for heart disease, the first PCORnet demonstration project
• PCORI begins offering continuing medical education/continuing education activities

JULY
• Board approves $142.5 million to support 34 networks in second phase of PCORnet development

AUGUST
• Board approves $9 million for two PCORnet demonstration projects, on obesity treatment and prevention
• Engagement Awards program passes $10 million in project support

SEPTEMBER
• PCORI and National Institutes of Health announce awards totaling $23.5 million for two CER studies on health disparities related to uncontrolled high blood pressure

OCTOBER
• PCORI holds its first Annual Meeting, bringing together more than 1,100 diverse stakeholders

NOVEMBER
• PCORI partners with American Heart Association on challenge to identify critical research needs

2016

MARCH
• PCORI joins CDC and NIH to launch Natural Experiments Network focused on diabetes

APRIL
• PCORI announces policy to pay journals’ open access fees to facilitate public access to research results
• PCORI’s CER portfolio surpasses $1 billion in award support

SEPTEMBER
• Board approves $15 million for a large trial comparing new and old drugs for blood clot prevention

2017

MARCH
• Board allocates up to $25.4 million to support the long-term sustainability of PCORnet
• PCORI gives first five implementation awards to teams that have completed PCORI research projects

MAY
• PCORI issues revised methodology standards, bringing the total to 48 standards covering 12 topic areas

JUNE
• PCORI posts first peer-reviewed study findings on its website

JULY
• PCORI announces its shared decision making initiative to support projects that help patients, caregivers, and clinicians work together to consider healthcare options

AUGUST
• Board approves the selection or reappointment of 33 people to serve on seven advisory panels

SEPTEMBER
• PCORI partners with the American Heart Association to offer a funding opportunity to improve the treatment of atrial fibrillation

NOVEMBER
• PCORI’s CER portfolio reaches $2 billion in award support