



Current Activities of PCORI Methodology Committee

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Overview

- Methodology Report
- Development of New Standards
- Dissemination and Implementation Efforts
- Methodology Consultation Initiative

Methodology Report

- Based upon the public comments, the report has undergone substantive revisions from the original text.
 - One major change is the inclusion of a set of patient and research narratives.
- PCORI staff are currently working with a team of internal and external reviewers.
- The report will be released in November 2013 following Board review.

Development of New Standards

- A subset of MC members met and identified the following two topic areas as priorities for development of new methodology standards:
 - Cluster Randomized Trials
 - Complex Interventions
- Two small working groups of MC members were formed to define the scope of work for these standards.
 - Background work may be performed by contractors.

Development of New Standards

- Subgroups also are discussing whether new standards should be developed in two additional areas:
 - Value of information analyses.
 - Additional standards on systematic review methodologies.

Dissemination and Implementation Activities

- The MC is pursuing work on its existing dissemination and implementation plan.
 - Workshops for investigators on use of the standards.
 - Core training materials for investigators and PCORI peer reviewers.

Methodology Consultation Initiative

- Purpose is to provide PCORI expert input on specific projects that are being considered for research funding.
- Initial plan discussed with BOG in May 2013.
- MC has provided input to PCORI on how this initiative aligns with plans for the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel.
- A list of potential members of the review groups has been developed.

Strategic Questions

- Do you see additional priority areas and activities for the Methodology Committee?
- How do we best align our Methodological Consultation Initiative with the work of the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel?