Effective Health Care Program

Opportunities for Involvement

Topic Generation

Nominate topics relevant to real-world health care decisions on the Effective Health Care Program Web site: **www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov**

Topic Development

Work with a research team to clarify your nomination, decisional dilemmas, and context.

Topic Refinement

Provide input on draft key questions that will guide the report to help ensure the research is as useful as possible.

Research Review

Contibute to the research process:
- Methodological and clinical input as a member of a technical expert panel
- Peer review of draft reports
- Public comment on draft reports on the Effective Health Care Program Web site

Report Translation

Participate in focus groups, interviews, or expert reviews to provide input on research summaries.

Dissemination

Share final research products:
- Place links on your Web site.
- Provide reports or research summaries to your members or consumers.
- Publish announcements in your newsletters or other communications.

Priority Conditions

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services establishes priority health conditions for the Effective Health Care Program based on discussions with and extensive input from the public and Federal agencies.
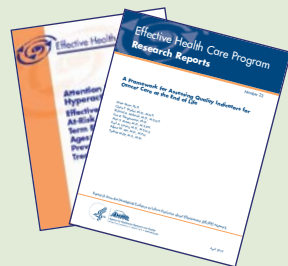
- Arthritis & non-traumatic joint disorders
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease
- Depression & mental health
- Developmental delays, ADHD, & autism
- Diabetes
- Functional limitations & disability
- Infectious diseases, including AIDS
- Obesity
- Peptic ulcer & dyspepsia
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary disease/ asthma
- Substance abuse

Effective Health Care Program Research Products

Research Reviews: These comprehensive reports draw on completed scientific studies to compare different health care interventions. They also show where more research is needed. Research reviews include comparative effectiveness reviews, effectiveness reviews, and technical briefs.

Research Summaries: These short, plain-language summaries—tailored to clinicians, consumers, or policymakers—summarize findings on the benefits and harms of different treatment options. Summaries for consumers provide useful background on health conditions and are available in English and Spanish, on the Web, and in print. Clinician research summaries and policy briefs rate the strength of evidence behind the research findings. Summaries on medications also contain basic wholesale price information.

Original Research Reports: These reports are based on clinical research and studies that use health care databases and other scientific resources and approaches to explore practical questions about the effectiveness—or benefits and harms—of treatments.

Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Education: Free accredited, online modules for physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, and other allied health professionals are available.

Decision Aids: Some research summaries also include online decision aids with videos and questionnaires for patients.

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