PCORI Health Care Horizon Scanning System

Your opinion is needed

Read brief reports on new treatments for specific diseases and comment on how they might disrupt health care. To learn about this project and why your opinion matters, see “Purpose” and “Why stakeholder comments are important”.

Purpose

The PCORI Health Care Horizon Scanning System informs PCORI and the public about potentially disruptive new health care treatments (that is, drugs and medical devices) expected to be clinically available in the U.S. within three years. Current areas of interest include Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, cancer, cardiovascular disease, mental and behavioral health disorders, and rare diseases.

Figuring out which treatments have the highest potential for disruption relies on stakeholders—patients, caregivers, clinicians, researchers, and health systems experts—who provide comments and impressions about the potential impact a treatment may have on health care.

Learn about new treatments for diseases that matter to you

Have your opinions heard as you provide feedback based on personal experience and knowledge

Receive a $250 honorarium for each report reviewed

What is PCORI?

PCORI (the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) is a nongovernmental agency that helps people make informed health care decisions and improves care delivery and outcomes. It does this by producing research-based, high-integrity, evidence-based information.
How do you participate?

Read a 2- to 5-page report on a topic provided to you by the horizon scanning team. Complete a 6-question comment form giving your impressions about the treatment’s potential to:

- Improve patient outcomes
- Change health disparities
- Change the health care delivery system
- Change the current pattern of patient care
- Change health care costs

Why is horizon scanning important?

- The information in the horizon scanning system is helping PCORI make decisions about how to invest research funds
- The public and research community can use the information published by the system for research and decision making

Why are stakeholder comments important?

Stakeholder comments are invaluable to the horizon scanning system process. Up to 9 stakeholders provide comments on every treatment under consideration. Their comments drive the selection of topics included in a High Potential Disruption Report, which is published twice a year. The report describes treatments that stakeholders and the horizon scanning team agree have high potential to disrupt some aspect of health care delivery.

For each treatment included in this High Potential Disruption report, analysts on the horizon scanning team summarize the stakeholder comments received for that topic. Stakeholders are not identified by name, only by their role as patient, caregiver, clinical expert, etc.

About ECRI Institute

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About PCORI

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is an independent nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. Its mission is to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence-based information they need to make better-informed healthcare decisions. PCORI is committed to continuously seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to guide its work.