Process for Prioritizing Research

PIPC

Transparency

I. Public Solicitation of Topics

II. Further Development of Topics

III. Ranking of Topics by Expert Panels

IV. Draft Priorities by Expert Panels

V. PCORI Review and Public Comment

VI. Topic Selection

PCORI should incorporate methods to ensure openness and transparency throughout the priority-setting process.

Priority-setting should begin with a public solicitation for potential research topics from a broad range of stakeholders. PCORI should drive this feedback into a structured process for refining draft priorities.

PCORI staff should perform the initial evaluation of suggested research topics. The initial, vetted lists compiled by PCORI staff should be prepared with accompanying rationale and topic briefs.

Advisory panels should develop a rationale and topic brief for each research topic to provide both the PCORI board and the public with a clear and transparent understanding of PCORI's research agenda.

Each Advisory Panel should independently develop a recommended priority list of topics and utilize relevant clinical expertise (both from within and without) to help rank the topic list.

PCORI staff should review Advisory Panel priority lists which should be submitted for public comment.

Based on public comment, staff should revise the draft priority list and present to the PCORI Board of Governors for approval.