I. Public Solicitation of Topics

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.

II. Further Development of Topics

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.

III. Ranking of Topics by Expert Panels

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.

IV. Draft Priorities by Expert Panels

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

V. PCORI Review and Public Comment

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

VI. Topic Selection

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