

Assessment of Environment for Health Care Decision-Making

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our sixth annual survey. We are interested in your assessment of the health care decision-making environment today, especially as it relates to **comparative effectiveness research**, evidence-based medicine, and value-based purchasing of health care.

Your responses will be **completely confidential**. Information will be reported only as grouped data so that neither you nor your organization can be identified. The aggregate results will be used to inform policymakers and other stakeholders about the ongoing changes to the comparative effectiveness research environment.

The questionnaire should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. After you read each question, mark the response that best represents your view of the health care decision-making environment, using the categories listed.

For the purposes of this assessment, please think about comparative effectiveness research as the comparison of available treatment options in real world settings, utilizing a range of research methods that include randomized controlled trials, observational studies, and systematic reviews (structured assessment of evidence available from multiple primary studies).

In appreciation of your efforts, **we would like to contribute \$50 to one of four major charities that you may select at the end of the questionnaire.** The charitable organizations are American Red Cross, Feeding America, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the Wounded Warrior Project.

<p>Q1. How familiar are you with the broad area of comparative effectiveness research?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very familiar → GO TO Q2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat familiar → GO TO Q2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Slightly familiar → GO TO Q2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all familiar →</p> <p><i>As comparative effectiveness research is the focus of this study, you do not need to answer the remaining questions in this section.</i></p>	<p>Q2. How important is comparative effectiveness research to you or your organization?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Slightly important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not at all important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>
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Q3. In the table below, please check each agency or group that you believe will play a **significant** role over the next 5 years in the areas of comparative effectiveness research listed. Please check all that apply.

	AHRQ	NIH	FDA	PCORI	Academia	Private health plans	Pharmaceutical-medical products industry	Patient Groups	Other
Establishing research standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establishing priorities for research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funding and monitoring research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conducting research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translating and disseminating research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If checked Other, please specify whom you believe would play a significant role over the next 5 years and which area of comparative effectiveness research they would play a role in:

Q4. How much impact do you feel comparative effectiveness research has had or will have on health care decision-making during the following time periods?

	Negative impact	No effect at all	Slight improvement	Moderate improvement	Substantial Improvement	No Opinion
The last 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The next 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The next 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The next 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q.5 What do you think will increase the impact comparative effectiveness research will have on health care decision-making? Please select the top 3.

- Improving the quality of CER methods
- Improving the relevance of CER questions
- Improving the adequacy of databases used for CER
- Greater input into CER from those who provide medical services
- Greater input into CER from patients
- Better translation of CER results into actionable recommendations
- Broader dissemination of CER results
- Increased infrastructure and resources for decision-makers to use CER results
- Other (please specify)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q6. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Generally agreed-upon and accepted standards are needed for the conduct of high quality comparative effectiveness research.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **availability of agreed-upon research standards today.**

1 No agreed- upon research standards	2	3	4	5	6	7 Widely agreed- upon research standards	No Opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Research priorities for comparative effectiveness research should consider the types of choices faced by patients and providers, including different drugs, devices, invasive and noninvasive procedures, as well as medical management.

Please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding **priorities for comparative effectiveness research today.**

1 Priorities for research do <u>not</u> adequately address treatment choices faced by patients and providers	2	3	4	5	6	7 Priorities for research adequately address treatment choices faced by patients and providers	No Opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q8. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

The current comparative effectiveness research evidence base should be complete enough to inform the choices faced by patients and providers.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment choices, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of **how complete the current comparative effectiveness evidence base is.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No Opinion
No Evidence Available						Complete Evidence Base	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q9. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Medical evidence and research must be interpreted in order to inform treatment decisions, aid the development of guidelines, or provide the basis for formulary decisions. Objective and transparent processes for interpretation that consider the totality of the evidence will help to ensure confidence in decisions made.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding the **transparency and objectivity of processes for interpreting evidence today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No Opinion
Not at all transparent & objective						Fully transparent & objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Real-world evidence should be included in the development of drug and other medical policies.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding the **use of real-world evidence today**.

1 Not at all used	2	3	4	5	6	7 Widely used	No Opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q11. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

While clinical effectiveness is paramount in selecting treatment options, the process of assessing the value of different medical interventions should include such factors as changes in quality of life, workplace productivity effects, quality of care, and the potential for improved adherence to treatments.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **extent to which treatment assessments have incorporated a broad focus on quality of life, outcomes and other measures of value today**.

1 Treatment assessments narrowly focused only on clinical effectiveness	2	3	4	5	6	7 Treatment assessments broadly focused to include quality of life, outcomes, and other measures of value	No Opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. Your information is valuable in the assessment of the role of comparative effectiveness research and value assessments in health care decision-making. As thanks for your time, we will make a \$50 donation on your behalf to one of the four charities listed below.

- American Red Cross
- Feeding America
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Wounded Warrior Project
- OPT OUT

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