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## Deliberative Methods Experiment

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Community Forum

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### Background & objectives of experiment

- Background
  - Started in August 2010
  - Literature review, Technical Expert Panel, formative research to inform approach
- Objectives
  - Expand the evidence base on public deliberation
  - Obtain public input on the use of evidence in healthcare decision-making

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### Deliberative topic in detail: use of evidence in healthcare decision-making

- Inform AHRQ's approaches to dissemination and guidance about comparative effectiveness research (CER) evidence
- Addresses fundamental tensions in healthcare
  - Appropriate roles and responsibilities of providers, patients, payers, purchasers, and the government
  - Individual liberties vs. shared responsibilities and impact
  - When oversight and regulation are necessary
  - Actors that are trustworthy to the public

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## Overview of experiment

- RCT comparing education-only control and 5 deliberative methods
  - Brief Citizens' Deliberation
  - Community Deliberation
  - In-Person Deliberative Polling®
  - Online Deliberative Polling®
  - Citizens' Panel
- 4 locations: DC, Chicago, Sacramento, Raleigh-Durham
- 76 deliberative groups; 1,296 participants
  - Inclusion of AHRQ's priority populations: elderly Medicare, African American women, non-urban, and bilingual Latino
  - Education level diversity sought

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## Evaluation – key outcomes of interest

- Knowledge
  - Of CER, quality of care, generation of medical evidence
- Attitudes

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## Next steps and information to look for

- Next steps
  - Implement experiment: summer – fall 2012
  - Analysis: summer 2012 – summer 2013
- Information to look for
  - Literature review of deliberative methods

- Panel at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 2012
- Report of findings from experiment, late summer/fall 2013
- Where to find this information
  - <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/tools-and-resources/how-to-get-involved-in-the-effective-health-care-program/>