



Effective Health Care Research Infrastructure Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- *Research infrastructure* does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because the topic does not address a specific therapeutic or diagnostic intervention, and did not include enough information for further assessment by the Effective Health Care Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator(s): Research Triangle International–University of North Carolina Issues Exploration Forum

Nomination Summary: The nominator discusses a wide range of interests in comparative effectiveness research methodology and infrastructure. Nominator is specifically interested in research on: 1) research infrastructure that supports longitudinal studies, 2) approaches to developing detailed data registries, 3) benefits of various treatment settings, 4) long-term effectiveness of psychotropic medications, 4) research conduct and design strategies, 5) approaches to analyzing long-term trial or observational data.

Key Questions from Nominator:

1. What are the best strategies for developing detailed data registries and other infrastructure to support comparative effectiveness research?
2. What are the benefits associated with various treatment settings?
3. What is the long-term effectiveness of psychotropic medications on people with SMI?
4. What is the comparative effectiveness of various research conduct and design strategies?
5. What is the comparative effectiveness of different approaches to analyzing long-term trial or observational data?

Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews focus attention on the evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.

- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)
- In addition, this topic could not be further evaluated because it did not include enough information in the original nomination to define the relevant interventions, comparators, and/or outcomes of interest.