

Standing Committee on Conflict of Interest (SCCOI)

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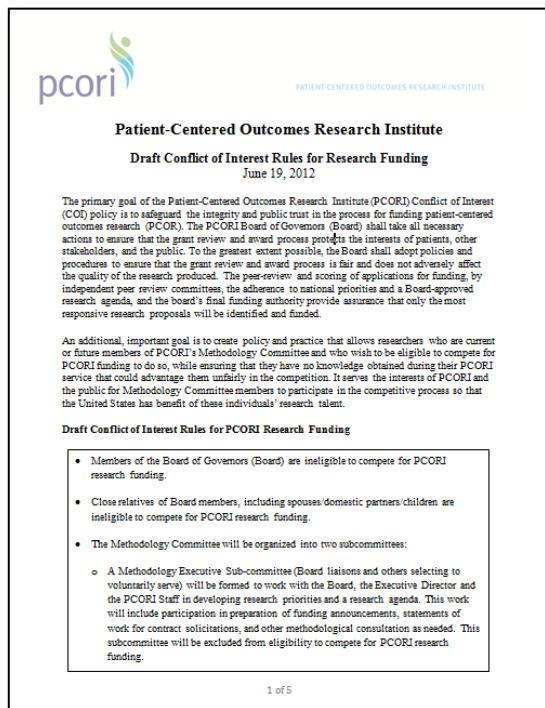
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Agenda

1. Introduction – COI Rules Approved by the Board on June 19, 2012
2. Operationalizing the COI Rules for the Methodology Committee
3. Next Steps
4. Discussion

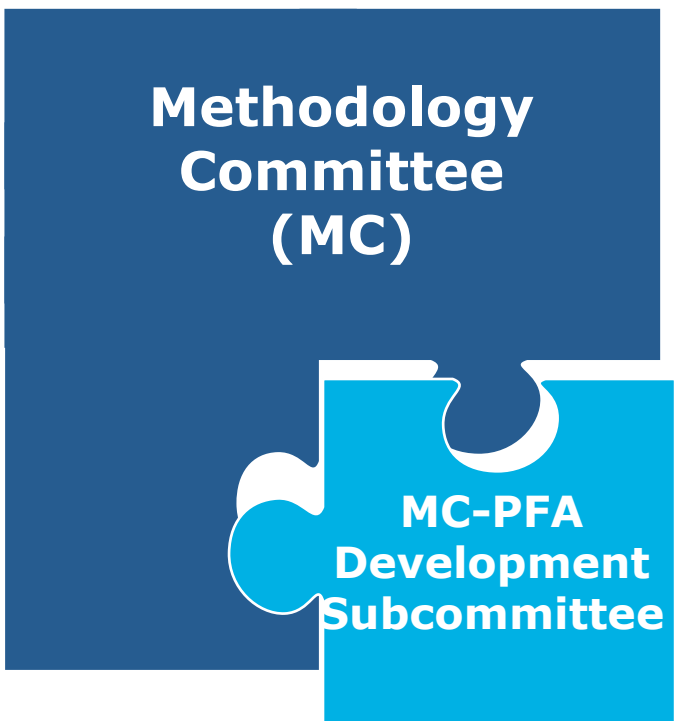
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- Intended to “safeguard the integrity and public trust in the process for funding patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR)”

OPERATIONALIZING THE COI RULES FOR THE METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE (MC)

COI Rules Pertaining to the MC



**Methodology
Committee
(MC)**

**MC-PFA
Development
Subcommittee**

- Creates the **MC-PFA Development Subcommittee*** to function as a liaison to PCORI's Board and staff
 - These MC members will **not** be eligible to apply for PFA funding

* Previously referred to as the *Methodology Executive Subcommittee* in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Draft Conflict of Interest Rules for Research Funding, June 19, 2012

Operationalizing the COI Rules for the MC



PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

MC-PFA Development Subcommittee



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Mike Lauer, MD



Alfred Berg, MD, MPH



Jean Slutsky, PA, MSPH



Sherine Gabriel, MD
(MC Chair)



Clyde Yancy, MD

The Methodology Committee will remain united in its mission to provide scientific guidance to PCORI...

...the new operating model will not change this

Elements of PCORI's COI Policy Regarding the Methodology Committee

MC Recusal
and COI
Disclosure

Protect against COI when awarding funding for non – PFA research (RFPs)

Non-
Disclosure
Agreements

Require all members of PCORI community (e.g., MC, Board, staff) to preserve confidentiality of non-public information

Firewalls for
PFAs

Create firewalls to preserve Methodology Committee eligibility for PFA funding

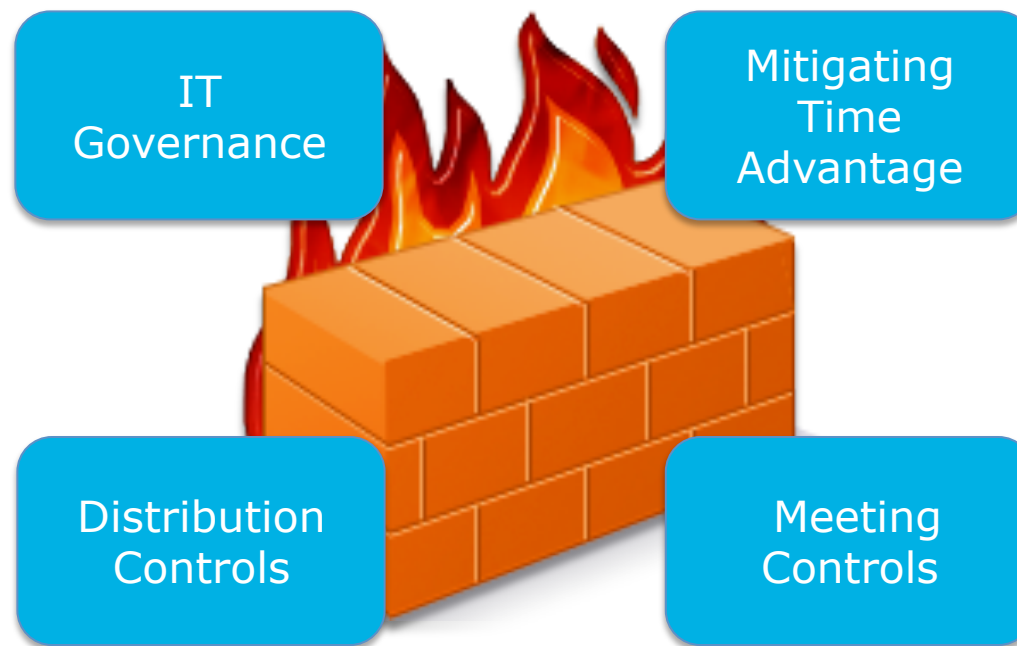
Firewalls will be implemented to preserve eligibility of most MC members for PFAs



Firewall Goals:

- ☐ Avoid an unfair advantage for MC members
- ☐ Control access to information

MC Firewall Implementation Strategies



SCCOI Guidance

- Importance of IT solutions to maintain firewalls
- Emphasis on policy training for the Board, Methodology Committee, and staff
- Encouragement of preparation of public-facing document that reinforces the significance of guarding against COI as a core PCORI value

NEXT STEPS

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- Develop and adopt the COI policy regarding external parties (e.g., advisory panels, consultants)
- Implement the firewalls for the Methodology Committee
- Monitor and regularly review COI compliance

DISCUSSION

Questions or Comments?

- Appendix A: Proposed Internal Firewall Policies and Procedures Related to the Eligibility of Methodology Committee Members for PCORI Research Funding
- Appendix B: Checklist: Implementation of Firewalls for Methodology Committee
- Appendix C: PCORI Conflict of Interest Rules for Research Funding (June 19, 2012)