

Board of Governors Meeting

In-Person and via
Teleconference/Webinar

May 13, 2019
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM ET

Welcome and Introductions

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH

Chairperson, Board of Governors

Joe Selby, MD, MPH

Executive Director

Agenda



9:00 AM

Call to Order and Welcome

9:00 – 9:10

Consider for Approval: Consent Agenda

9:10 – 10:00

Executive Director's Report & Q2 Dashboard Review

10:00 – 10:15

Research Portfolio Exploration Series: Portfolio Overview

10:15 – 11:15

Research Portfolio Exploration Series: Focus on Telehealth Portfolio

11:30 – 11:45

Consider for Approval: Funds to Support Implementation of the PCORnet Common Data Linkage Method

11:45 – 12:30

Dissemination and Implementation Update: Overview and Project Focus

12:30 – 1:00

Public Comment Period

1:00 PM

Wrap up and Adjournment

Consent Agenda Items

Grayson Norquist, MD, MPH

Chairperson, Board of Governors

Motion for Consent Agenda Items

That the Board approve:

- Minutes from the April 16, 2019 PCORI Board of Governors Meeting
- Amended Governance Committee Charter with provisions addressing:
 - The process by which a Vice-Chair is named, and
 - Voting by written consent on audit matters to be consistent with DC nonprofit law

Board Vote

Call for a Motion to:

- **Approve** each of the Motions on the Consent Agenda

Call for the Motion to be Seconded:

- **Second** the Motion
- If further discussion, may propose an **Amendment** to the Motion or an **Alternative** Motion

Voice Vote:

- Vote to **Approve** the **Final** Motion
- Ask for votes in favor, opposed, and abstentions

Executive Director's Report

Joe Selby, MD, MPH

Executive Director

Upcoming Discussions for Future Board Meetings

- During the Board Planning Session in March, the Board began thinking about the year ahead with reauthorization on the horizon
- The Board identified several topics for discussion at upcoming board meetings over the course of the year to start planning for “PCORI 2.0” including:
 - Revitalizing, enhancing and making our stakeholder-driven topic generation process more transparent.
 - Exploring our research portfolios as one way to generate the next round of targeted research topics. *This exploration series kicks off today with a look at the telehealth portfolio.*
 - Enhancing our focus and activities to promote worthy research findings with dissemination and implementation activities. *This discussion begins today.*

PCORI's Topic Pipeline for Focused Research: Process for Topic Capture, Generation, and Prioritization

Landscape of Key Priority Topics

Topics proactively identified via **landscape review**, with the purpose of identifying new areas of targeted research in high burden areas

Analysis of Current Portfolio for Remaining Gaps

Topics proactively identified from portfolio findings for possible infill opportunities

Ongoing Input from Stakeholders, Applicants

Topics proactively identified through:

- Focused outreach to stakeholders
- Collaboration with other funders

Triage & Initial Prioritization

Topic Development

Topic Refinement

Commit Funding to Focused Research

- Topic Briefs
- Evidence Maps
- Systematic Reviews

Portfolio Exploration Series

A new, regular series in the coming year is an exploration of various portfolios of PCORI-funded projects.

With the series we'll be taking stock, delving into the current set of funded projects in PCORI's portfolio and beginning to think about how we can continue to shape it for research that matters most to patients and stakeholders

Topic Portfolios Ready to Explore



Telehealth (later today!)



Opioids



Multiple Sclerosis



Mental Health



Cancer

Agenda



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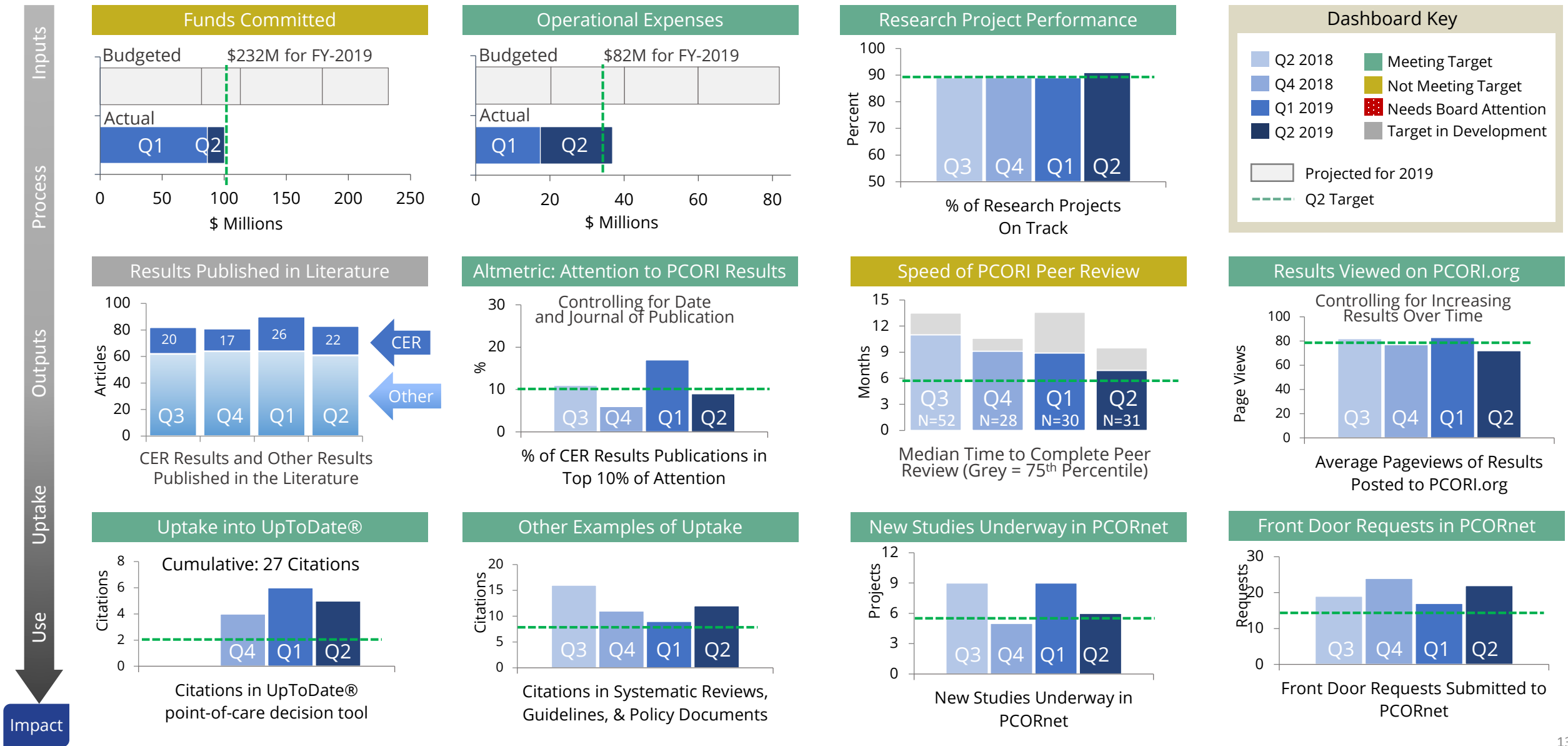
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Dashboard Review: Second Quarter of FY-2019

Joe Selby, MD, MPH
Executive Director

PCORI Board of Governors Dashboard

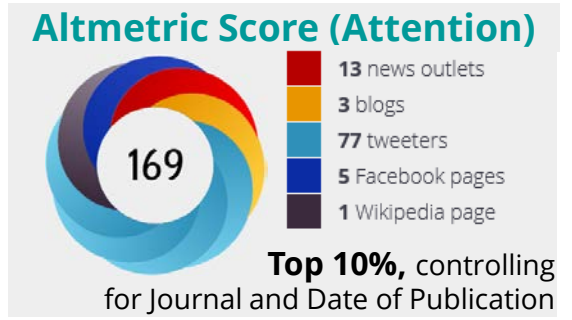
Second Quarter FY-2019 (As of 3/31/2019)



Goal 1: Increase Information for Health Decision-Making

For Women with Urinary Incontinence, Behavioral Therapies are More Effective than Drugs Alone

PCORI Study	Study Title: Nonsurgical Treatments for Urinary Incontinence in Women: A Systematic Review Update Organization: Memorandum of Understanding with Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); Study conducted by Evidence-based Practice Center at Brown University
Results Publication	Balk EM, et al. Pharmacologic and Nonpharmacologic Treatments for Urinary Incontinence in Women: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis of Clinical Outcomes. <i>Ann Intern Med.</i> Mar 2019.



Summary: Urinary incontinence (UI) can affect a woman's physical, psychological, and social well-being and can impose substantial lifestyle restrictions. Nonpharmacologic approaches to managing UI mostly aim to strengthen the pelvic floor, or change behaviors that influence bladder function. Pharmacologic treatments typically address bladder and urethral function

PCORI and AHRQ partnered to commission a systematic review update for **comparing the effectiveness and harms of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions to improve or cure stress, urgency, or mixed UI** in nonpregnant women

Reviewers included 84 randomized trials that evaluated 14 categories of interventions. Nonpharmacologic and pharmacologic interventions were more likely than no treatment to improve UI outcomes. **Behavioral therapy, alone or in combination with other interventions, is generally more effective than pharmacologic therapies alone** in treating both stress and urgency UI

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A reasonable approach is to **start with behavioral modifications**. If that's unsuccessful, then move on to medications or procedures. But this is a quality-of-life issue, not a life-threatening problem... **go through all the options and let the patient decide**.

-Dr. Peter C. Jeppson, MD
Senior Researcher, Urogynecologist
University of New Mexico

Quote from: Nicholas Bakalar, "For Urinary Incontinence, Try Behavioral Treatments or Drugs, or Both," *The New York Times*. Mar 22, 2019. ([link](#))

Goal 1: Increase Information for Health Decision-Making

Among Nonsurgical Treatments for UI, Behavioral Therapies Have Lowest Associated Risks

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Altmetric Score:
Too early to assess
(published 5/7/19)

Summary: For women with Urinary Incontinence (UI), there are numerous nonsurgical treatments available, and each are associated with risk of adverse events (AEs). **This companion article reports on the harms associated with treatment options**

Nonpharmacologic Therapies: 52 studies reported on AEs in studies of nonpharmacological interventions. Behavioral therapies and neuromodulation have low risk of AEs

Pharmacologic Therapies: 102 studies reported on AEs in studies of pharmacological interventions. Anticholinergics and alpha agonists have high rates of dry mouth and constitutional effects such as fatigue and gastrointestinal complaints. BTX (botulinum toxin injection) is associated with urinary tract infections and voiding dysfunction. Periurethral bulking agents are associated with erosion and voiding dysfunction. These AE risks should be considered when selecting appropriate UI treatment options

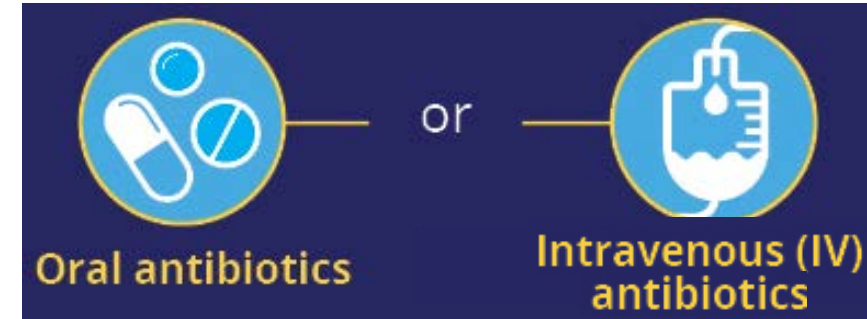
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The choice of which treatment option is best for a particular woman with UI will vary depending on her symptoms, the severity of those symptoms, her history of prior treatments, treatment goals, preferences, and values regarding the types of treatments she is willing to undergo, and also the AE risks she is willing to assume.

Goal 2: Speed Uptake and Use of Information

Uptake of Results from PCORI-Funded Study into IDSA Guidelines

Results from a PCORI-funded study on antibiotic therapies for serious bacterial infections in children **were taken up into the 2018 Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Clinical Practice Guideline** for the Management of Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT).

The study found that oral antibiotics are as effective as intravenous antibiotics, with fewer complications. Three CER results publications from the study were cited in the guideline update:



“...There is mounting evidence that oral therapy can be substituted for OPAT without compromising cure rates. Safety is enhanced by avoiding OPAT-related complications for certain clinical conditions where OPAT has traditionally been the preferred treatment mode. **The evidence supporting this practice includes studies comparing oral vs parenteral therapy for osteomyelitis, perforated appendicitis, and complicated pneumonia.** As a result, ensuring that OPAT is only prescribed for patients where an equivalent oral therapy is not available is a high priority for pediatric ID specialists and pediatric antimicrobial stewardship programs.”

Full Citation:

2018 Infectious Diseases Society of America Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, Volume 68, Issue 1, 1 January 2019, Pages e1–e35, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciy745>

Study Title: Comparative Effectiveness of Intravenous vs. Oral Antibiotic Therapy for Serious Bacterial Infections

Principal Investigator: Ron Keren, MD, MPH, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Goal 3: Influence the Way Research is Done

Publications on How Research is Done at PCORI



- Performed **self-assessment of practice and policies against Lancet recommendations** to benchmark our current practice and identify areas for improvement

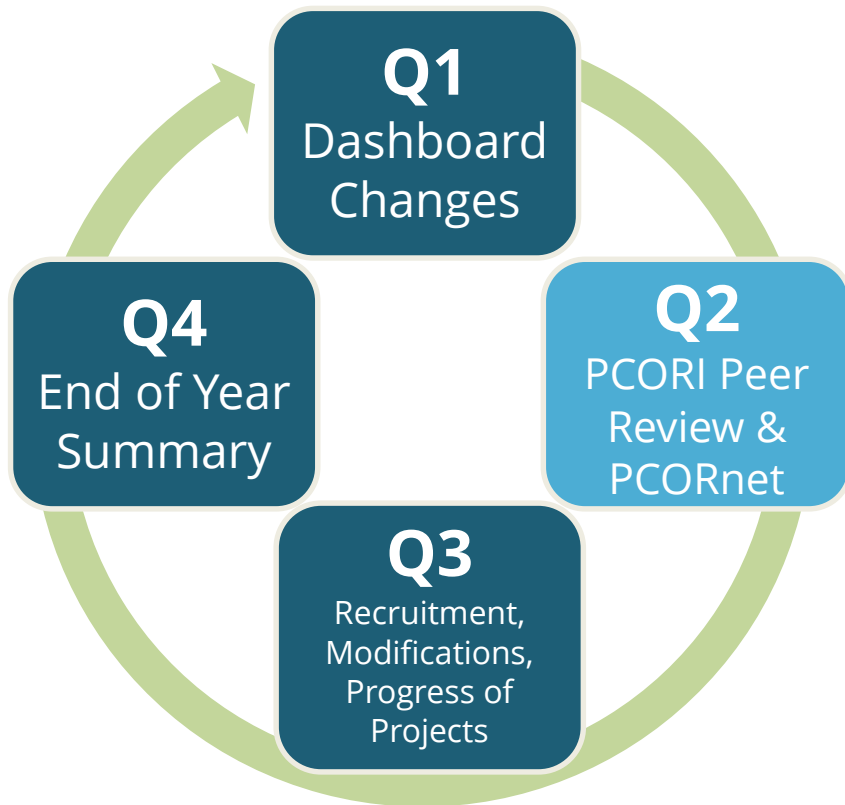


Whitlock EP, Selby JV, Dunham KM, Fernandez A, Forsythe LP, Norquist G. Examining the role of funders in ensuring value and reducing waste in research: An organizational case-study of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]. F1000Research 2019, 8:288

- Review of trial transparency policy among US noncommercial funders
 - 6 of 9 (67%) of top US funders, including PCORI, have a publicly available written policy addressing clinical trial registration, summary results sharing, and individual patient data sharing**
 - Fewer US funders require specific actions (11%-56%) or monitor compliance (56%-67%)



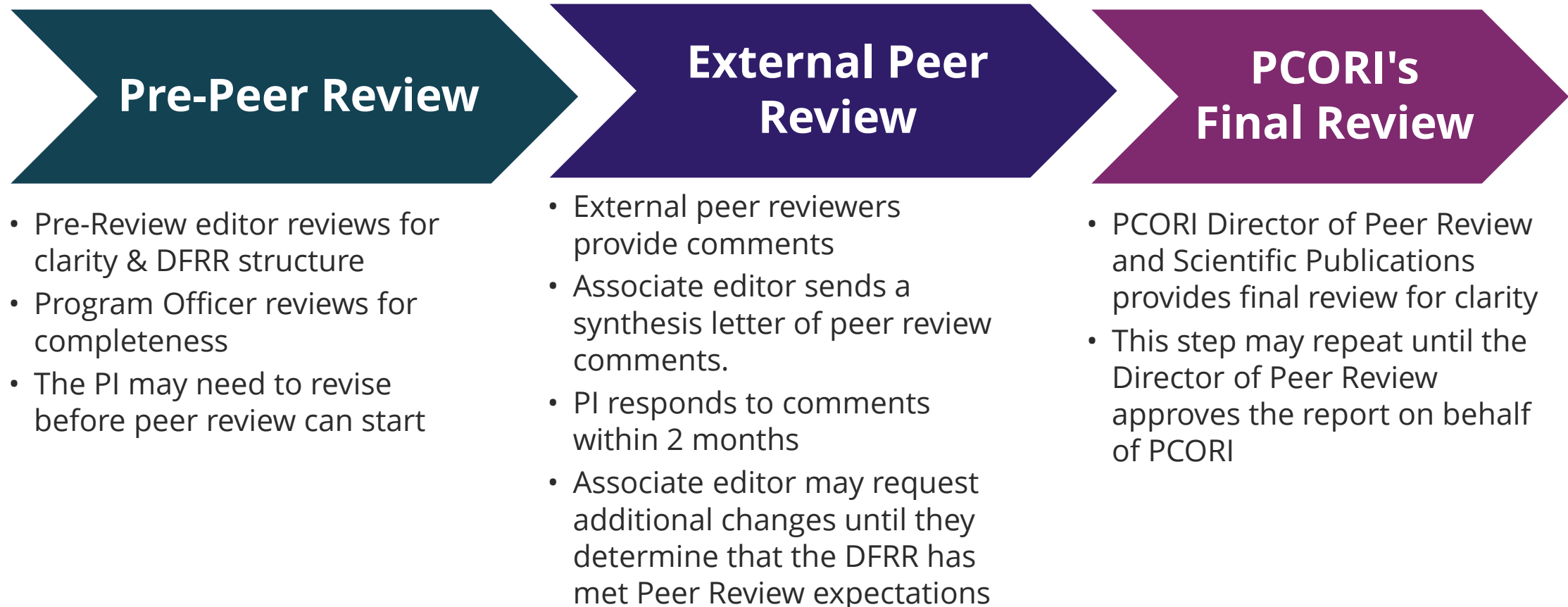
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Q2 Focus on PCORI Peer Review

Peer Review's Stages of Review and Revision

Multiple checks ensure that the final report is clear, complete, and scientifically sound



PCORI Peer Review Process and Public Release of Findings



Studies in PCORI Peer Review Process or Completed PCORI Peer Review N=285, as of Q2-19



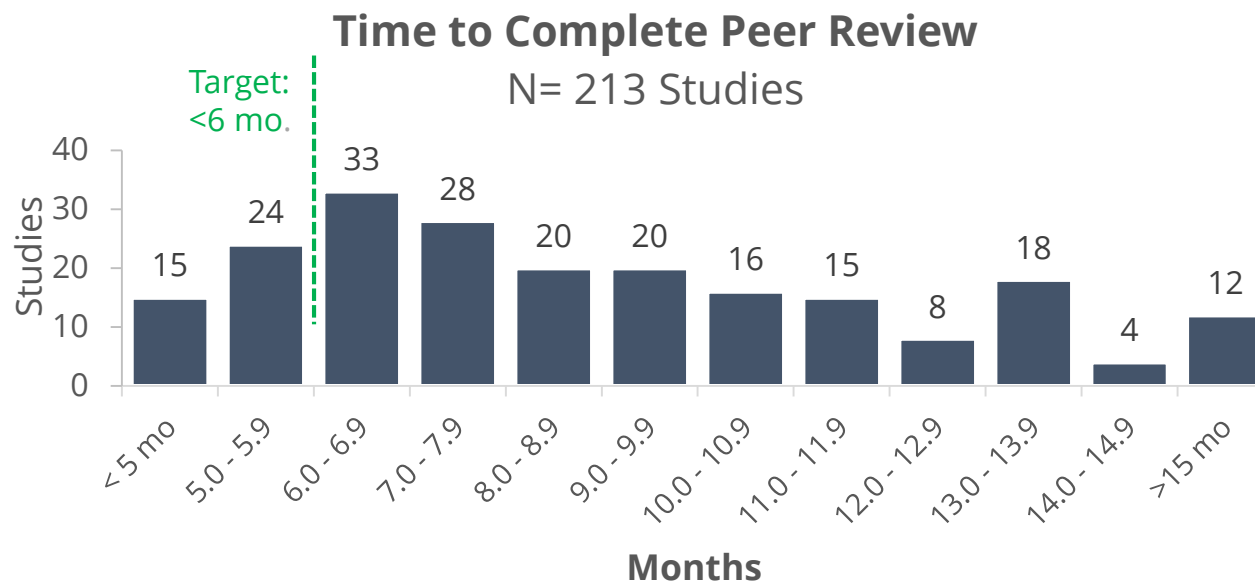
*Does not include Pilots, Systematic Reviews, Infrastructure, or D&I awards
(50 Pilots and 4 Systematic Reviews are complete, with results posted to PCORI.org)



Speed of PCORI Peer Review Q2-19 Update



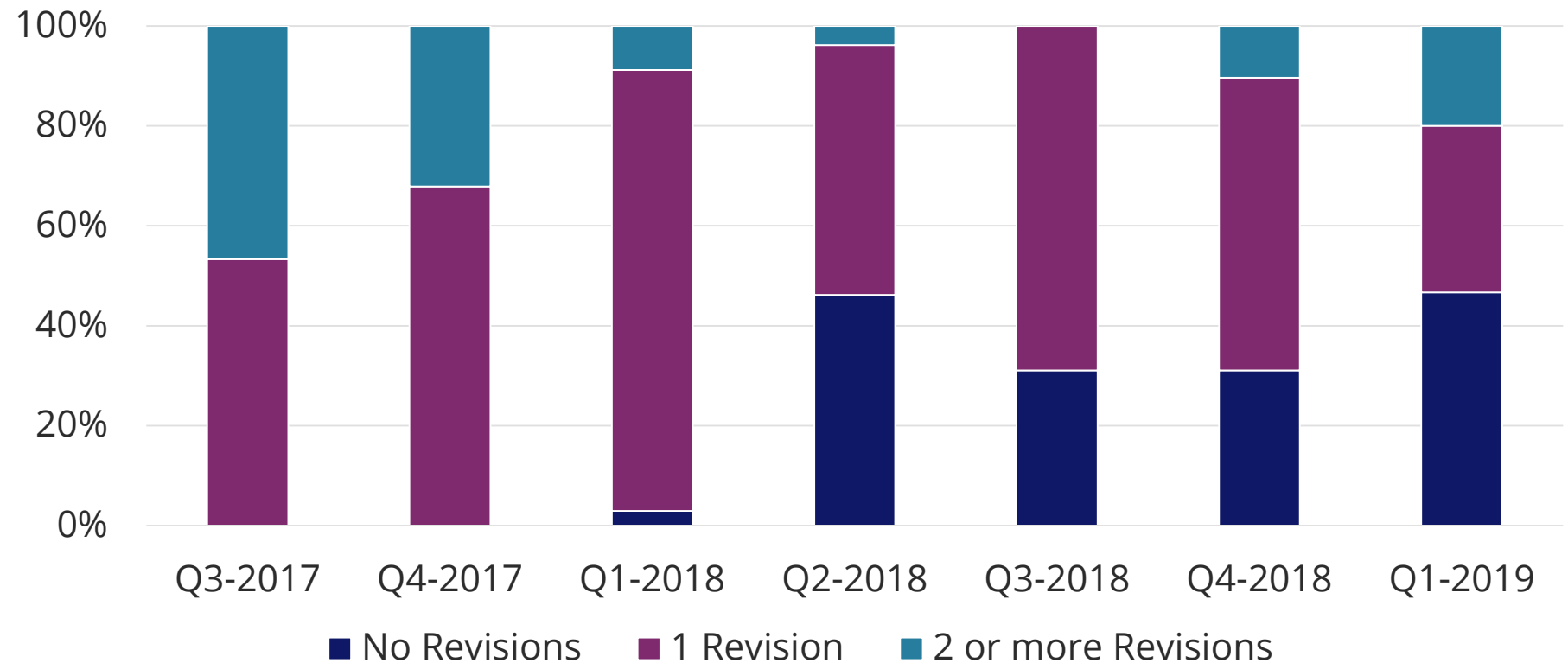
- **Target:** 6 months from acceptance of the Draft Final Research Report (DFRR) to acceptance of Final Research Report (FRR).
- **Time for PCORI Peer Review to-date:**
 - 213 completed as of Q2-19
 - Median time in Peer Review: 8.3 months (average 9.0 m)
 - Fastest to-date: 3.4 months; Slowest to-date: 19.8 months



Pre-Peer Review: Clarity and Completeness

The pre-peer review phase was initiated because many DFRRs were coming in not following DFRR instructions, or poorly developed. This has changed with increased focus on the instructions and reminders from program staff. More reports are coming in ready for peer review – no need for revisions before going external reviewers (dark blue).

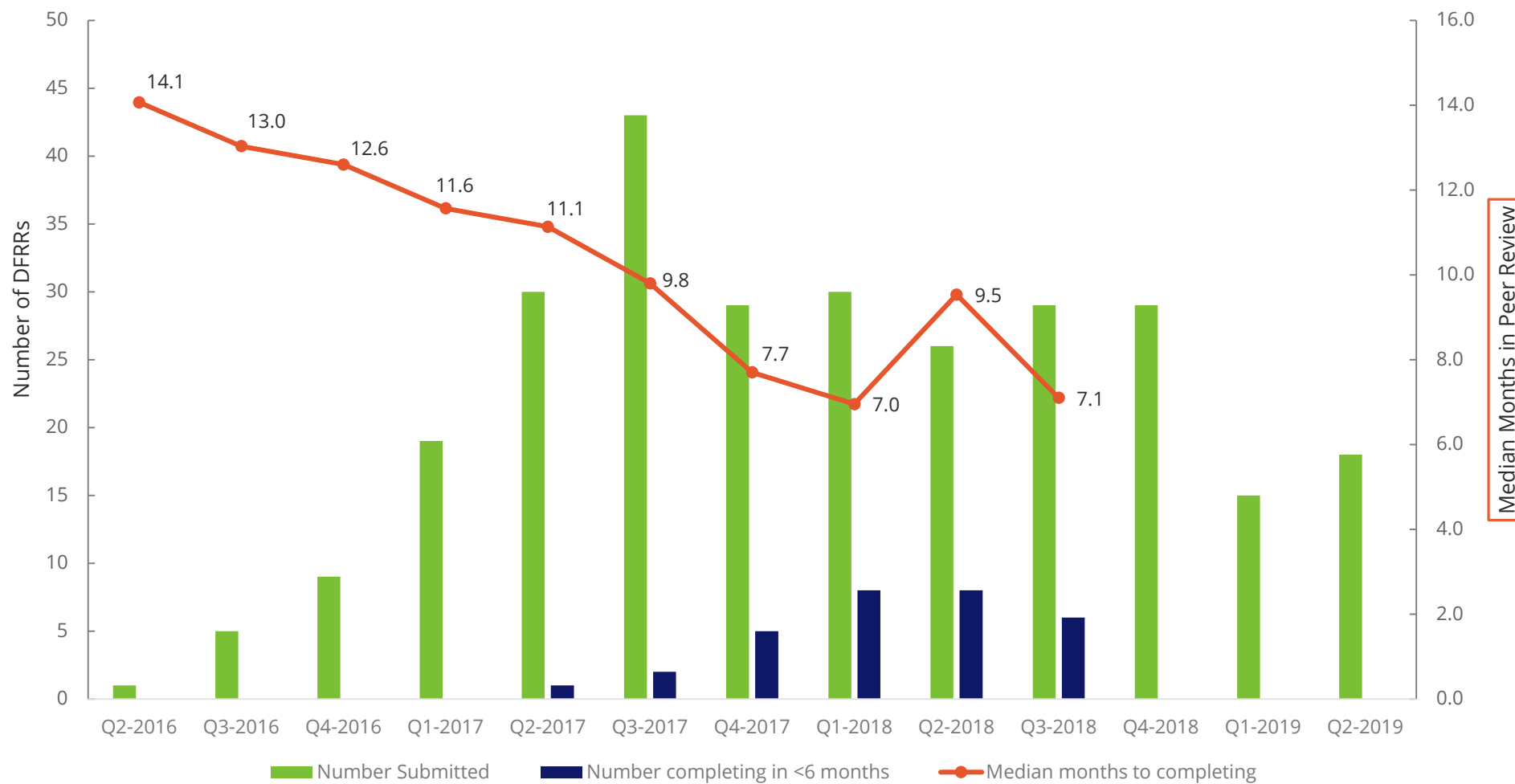
Number of DFRR revisions before peer review, by submission date



Timeliness of Peer Review: Cohort View

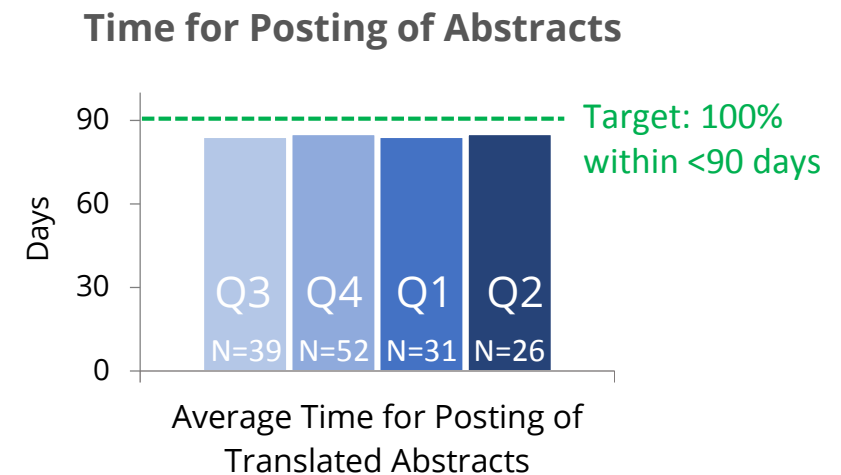
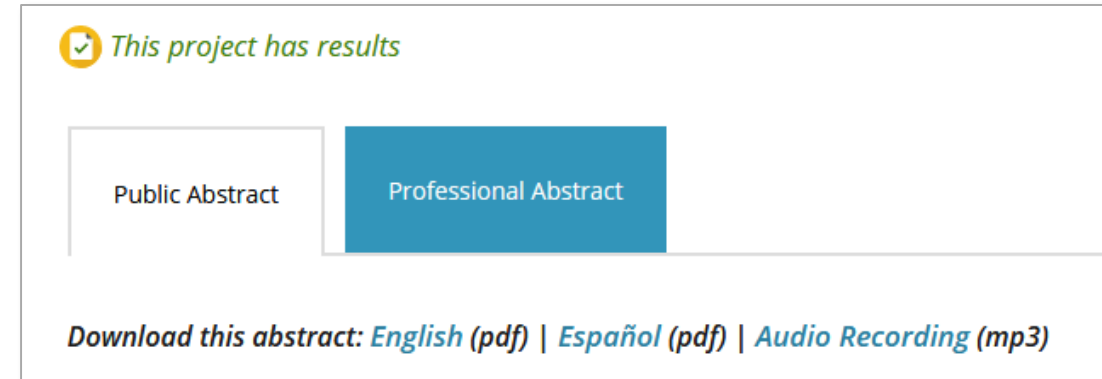
Trends Over Time

In 2 years, we have cut the median amount of time reports spend in peer review by half: 7 months from start to finish.



Speed of Posting Results to PCORI.org

- PCORI's authorizing law requires that we make research findings available no longer than 90 days after PCORI Peer Review is complete
- This includes the time it takes to translate findings into lay and scientific text
- **All abstracts to-date have been posted within 90 days of completion of PCORI Peer Review**
- Time for Posting of Abstracts:
 - 182 completed as of Q2-19
 - Median time to post: 86 days (average 84 days)

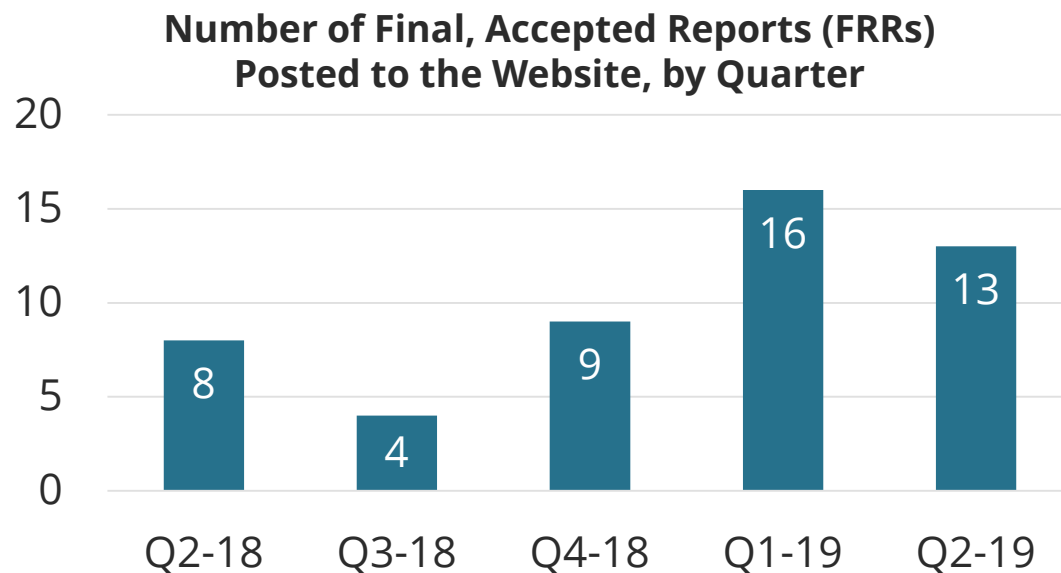


Comprehensive Final Research Reports Are Being Posted to the Website

The Final Research Report (FRR) is a comprehensive, full final report of the funded study, usually equivalent to the length and content of 3-5 journal articles.

- Up to 152 final reports may be posted by the end of FY-2019
- Average time from acceptance to posting: about 10 months
- The new FRR search function & presentation makes the reports easier to find

Coming soon:
Measures of
attention to FRRs



Examining Health Outcomes for People Who Are Transgender

The objective of this study was to examine (1) the incidence of acute cardiovascular events and cancers and the prevalence of mental health conditions among transgender and cisgender people; and (2) perceived benefits of gender-affirming therapies such as hormones or surgery among transgender people.

Project page: [Examining Health Outcomes for People Who Are Transgender](#)
Principal Investigator: Michael Goodman, MD, MPH
Organization: Emory University
Original project title: Comparative Risks and Benefits of Gender Reassignment Therapies
HSRProj ID: HSRP20143115

To cite this document, please use: Goodman M, Nash R. *Examining Health Outcomes for People Who Are Transgender*. Washington, DC: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). <https://doi.org/10.25302/2.2019.AD.12114532>

[View the Final Research Report](#)

Promoting Our Model of Peer Review in JAMA and Accompanying Blog Post



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Viewpoint

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A Model for Public Access to Trustworthy and Comprehensive Reporting of Research

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JAMA. 2019;321(15):1453-1454. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.2807

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PCORI's Commitment to Publicly Accessible Study Results Captured in JAMA Viewpoint

Date: March 28, 2019

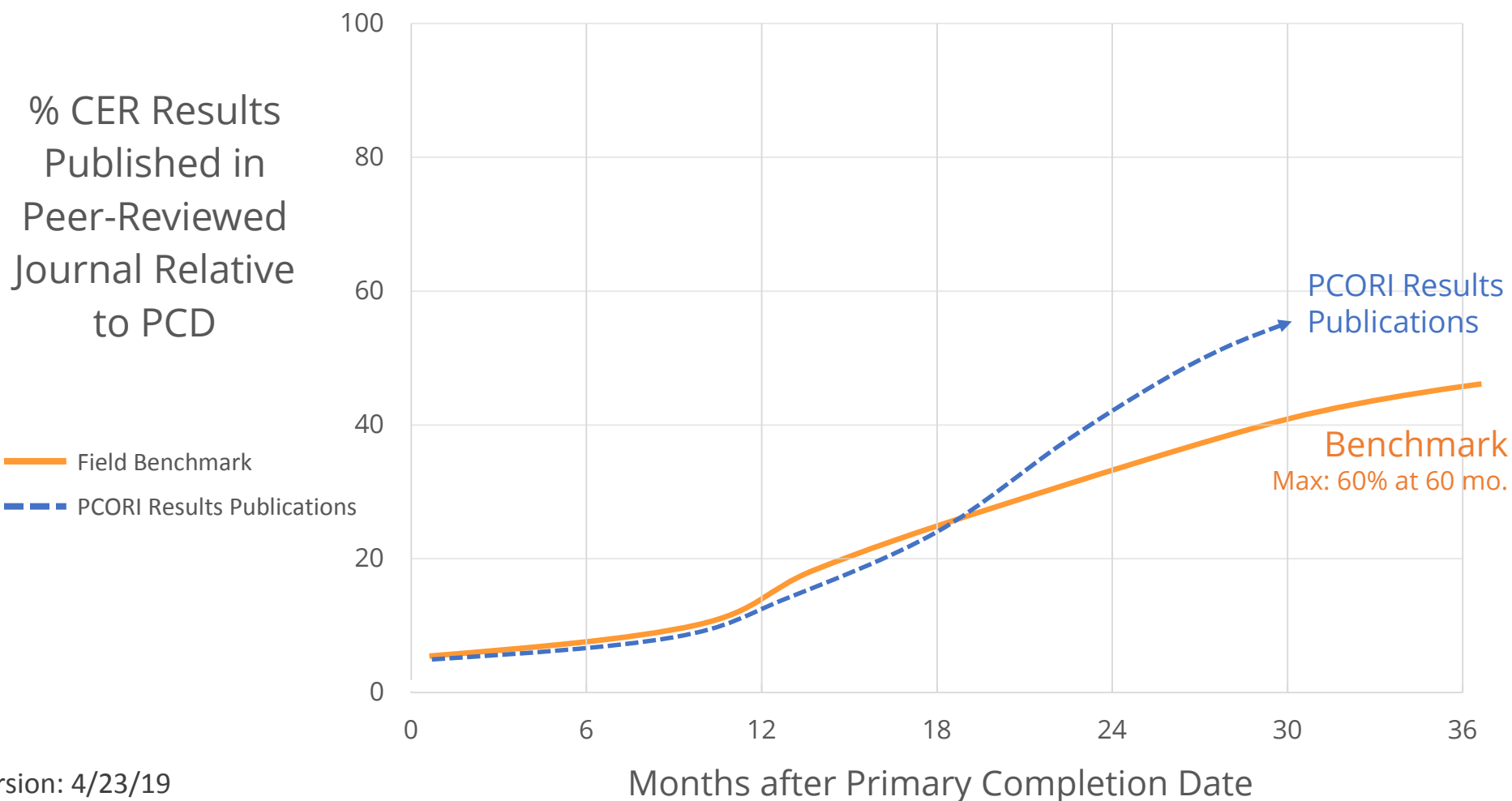
Blog Topics: [Evaluating Our Work](#),
[Research](#)

At PCORI, we're committed not only to funding research that can help patients and those who care for them make better-informed healthcare decisions, but to doing all we can to see that the results of those studies are made widely available. As we outline in a [newly posted JAMA Viewpoint](#), PCORI's approach to this is unique not just among research funders but across the healthcare community more broadly.



[Link to
blog post](#)

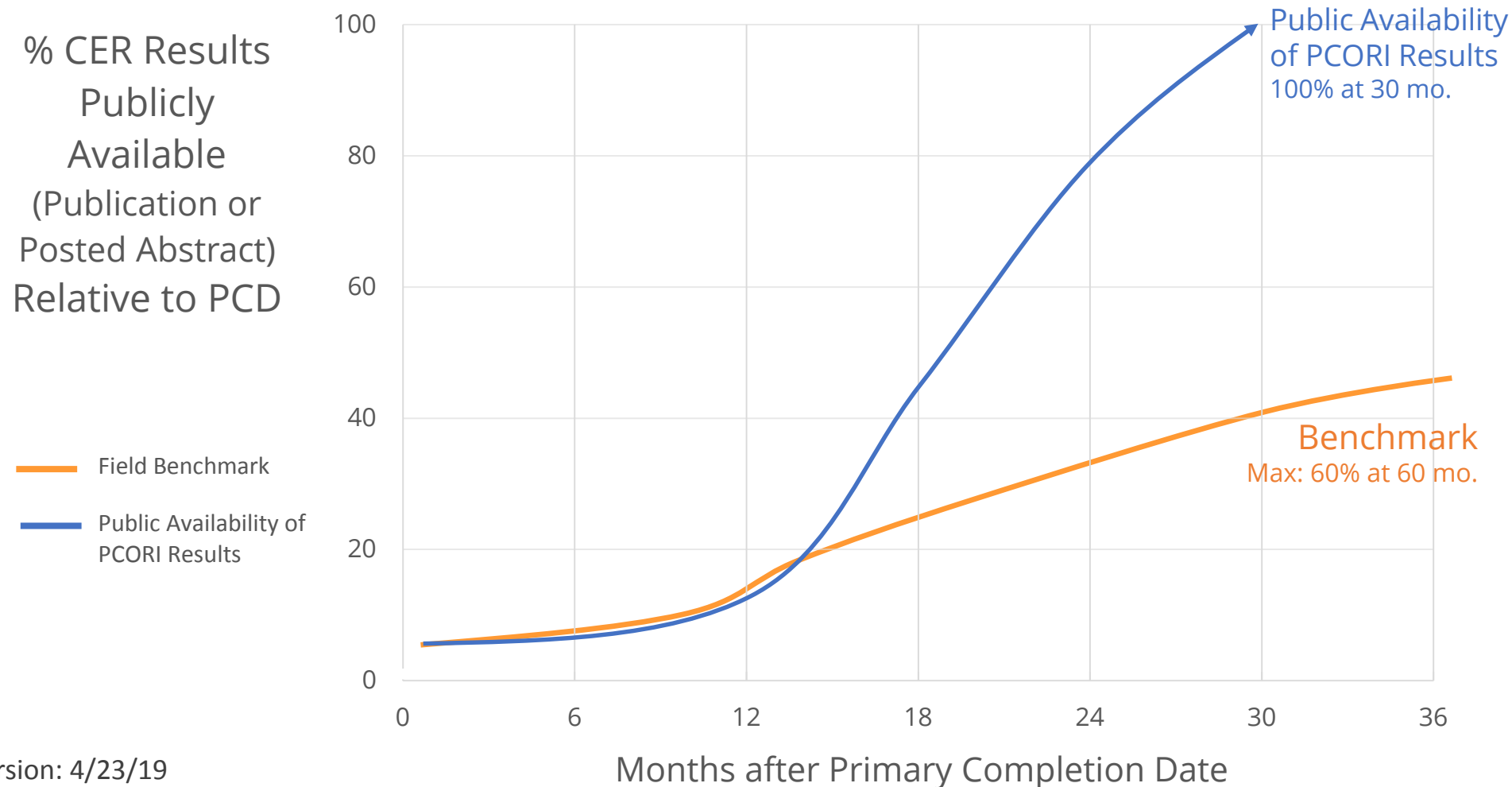
PCORI-Funded Trials Publish Their Results as Quickly or Faster Than Studies Typically Do



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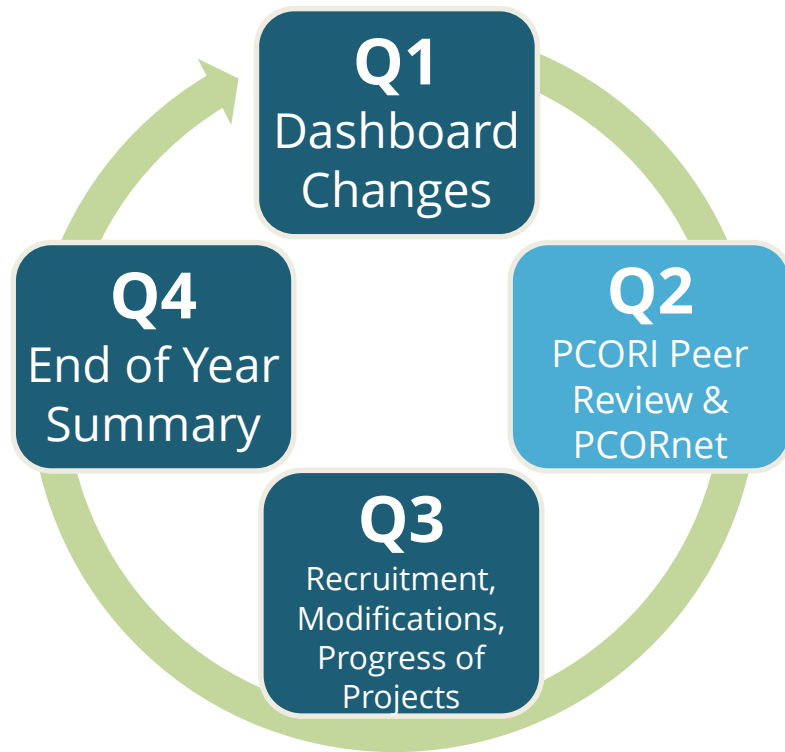
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PCORI's Process Results in Complete and Earlier Availability of Results in the Public Domain



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Q2 Focus on PCORnet

- 1) Data improvements
- 2) New projects and prospects

PCORnet 2.0

What Data are Available from CRNs (Most recent assessment)



- In 2019, PCORnet 2.0 **Clinical Research Networks (CRNs)** accessed 30.8 million patient records who had a least one diagnosis record.
- Response received from all 9 PCORnet 2.0 Clinical Research Networks (43 sites)

Patients with at least one diagnosis record in the period 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018		
	N	%
Number of Unique Patients	30,851,103	
By Age (N, % of patients)		
0-20	9,703,036	32%
21-44	8,010,121	26%
45-64	7,724,101	25%
65-74	3,391,699	11%
75+	2,433,714	8%
By Sex (N, % of patients)		
Male	13,335,325	43%
Female	17,512,824	57%
Other	2,884	0%
By Race (N, % of patients)		
Black or African American	5,119,514	16%
White	19,350,858	63%
Other	6,380,731	21%
By Hispanic (N, % of patients)		
Yes	4,338,870	14%
No	22,901,067	74%
Other	3,611,165	12%

PCORnet 2.0

What Data are Available from Health Plans?



- In 2019, PCORnet's two **Health Plan Research Networks (HPRNs)** accessed data on 24.6 million patients with a least one diagnosis record

Patients with at least one diagnosis record in the period 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018		
	N	%
Number of Unique Patients	24,574,856	
By Age (N, % of patients)		
0-20	5,316,011	22%
21-44	6,960,375	28%
45-64	7,547,717	31%
65-74	3,099,768	13%
75+	2,216,196	9%
By Sex (N, % of patients)		
Male	11,262,575	46%
Female	13,312,277	54%
Other	0	0%
By Race (N, % of patients)		
Black or African American	524,904	2%
White	2,634,055	11%
Other	21,415,897	87%
By Hispanic (N, % of patients)		
Yes	67,523	0%
No	3,262,523	13%
Other	21,244,810	86%

PCORnet 2.0

Data Available on Selected Conditions (CRNs)



	Anxiety		Alzheimer's		Breast Cancer		Asthma		Heart Failure		Heart Failure and Diabetes	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Number of Unique Patients	2,625,750		99,409		1,736,474		290,267		689,730		295,007	
By Age (N, % of patients)												
0-20	473,676	18%	327	0%	749,134	43%	1,966	1%	10,500	2%	1,116	0%
21-44	881,623	33%	278	0%	397,115	23%	24,637	9%	42,998	6%	12,903	4%
45-64	798,653	30%	5,524	6%	370,224	21%	129,432	45%	203,432	30%	95,652	32%
65-74	287,998	11%	16,479	17%	142,416	8%	83,391	29%	172,685	25%	85,318	29%
75+	205,417	8%	77,542	78%	87,500	5%	56,473	20%	269,020	39%	104,737	36%
By Sex (N, % of patients)												
Male	885,267	34%	33,647	34%	718,827	41%	7,480	3%	349,582	51%	150,571	51%
Female	1,740,325	66%	65,751	66%	1,017,583	59%	282,766	97%	340,098	49%	144,421	49%
Other	95	0%	0	0%	22	0%	0	0%	13	0%	0	0%
By Race (N, % of patients)												
Black or African American	308,945	12%	12,225	12%	442,770	26%	37,201	13%	141,638	21%	70,375	24%
White	1,949,909	74%	70,475	71%	940,478	54%	218,144	75%	465,693	68%	185,632	63%
Other	366,896	14%	16,668	17%	353,226	20%	34,907	12%	82,388	12%	38,985	13%
By Hispanic (N, % of patients)												
Yes	276,898	11%	10,835	11%	291,435	17%	18,833	7%	47,096	7%	25,223	9%
No	2,116,159	81%	79,311	80%	1,291,711	74%	248,756	86%	582,003	84%	243,903	83%
Other	232,680	9%	9,200	9%	153,303	9%	22,634	8%	60,595	9%	25,848	9%

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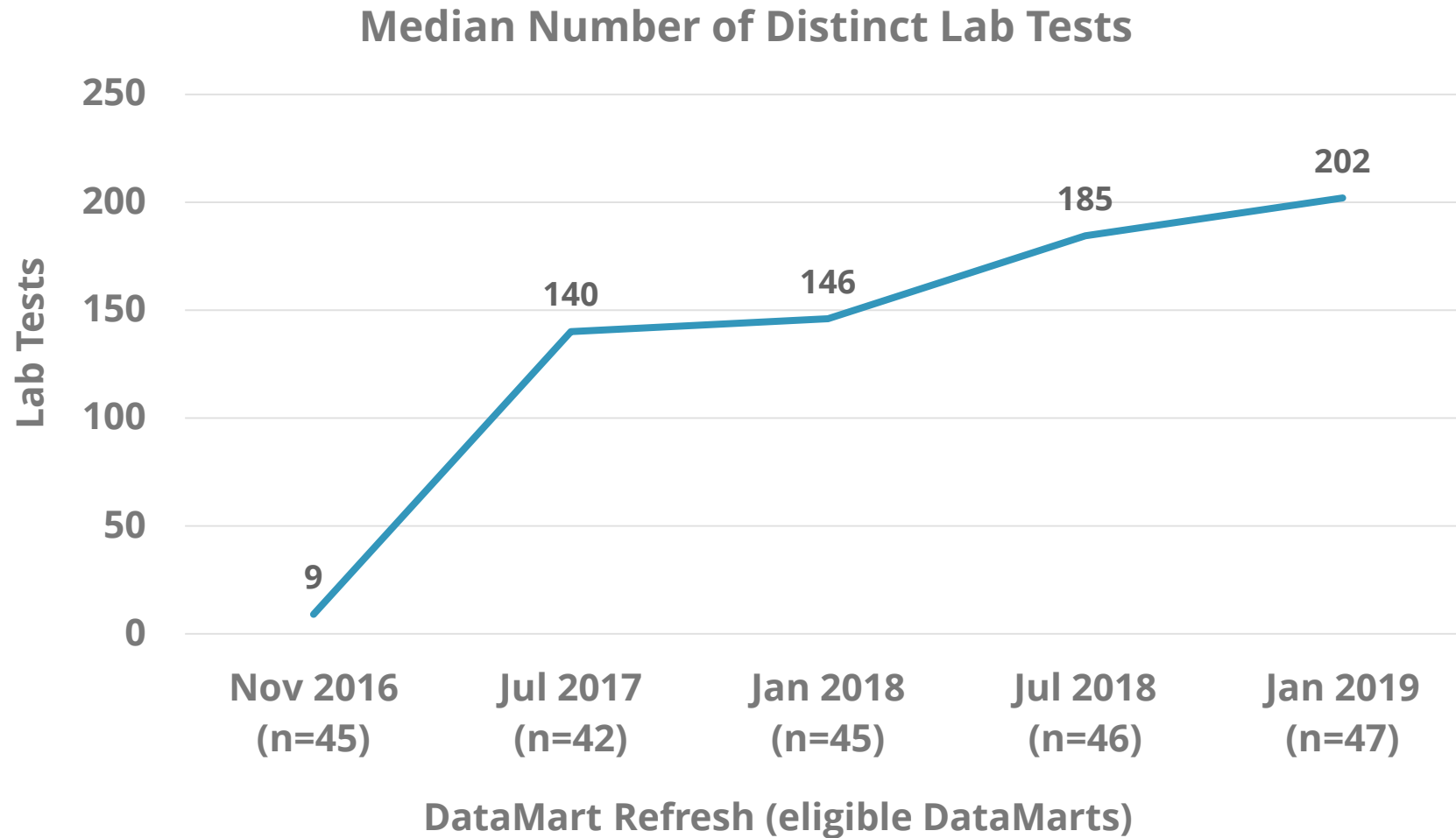
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Number of Unique Patients	3,535,088		133,638		1,499,805		264,107		751,358		360,987	
By Age (N, % of patients)												
0-20	419,312	12%	18	0%	345,787	23%	66	0%	1,716	0%	45	0%
21-44	1,164,821	33%	171	0%	353,813	24%	14,173	5%	17,505	2%	5,246	2%
45-64	1,193,722	34%	4,361	3%	466,443	31%	112,224	43%	161,152	21%	82,142	23%
65-74	457,502	13%	20,543	15%	209,742	14%	78,331	30%	219,599	29%	121,878	34%
75+	341,864	10%	109,860	82%	137,285	9%	65,238	25%	363,874	48%	159,078	44%
By Sex (N, % of patients)												
Male	1,198,272	34%	47,813	36%	585,924	39%	2,237	1%	382,732	51%	191,875	53%
Female	2,336,815	66%	85,825	64%	913,881	61%	261,870	99%	368,626	49%	169,112	47%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
By Race (N, % of patients)												
Black or African American	72,277	2%	11,337	9%	48,411	3%	13,264	5%	83,737	11%	51,811	14%
White	561,104	16%	59,901	45%	184,030	12%	58,773	22%	313,458	42%	158,073	44%
Other	2,901,707	82%	62,400	47%	1,267,364	85%	192,070	73%	354,163	47%	151,103	42%
By Hispanic (N, % of patients)												
Yes	12,741	0%	1,786	1%	5,511	0%	1,030	0%	7,602	1%	4,720	1%
No	644,717	18%	72,867	55%	239,799	16%	74,000	28%	406,355	54%	215,673	60%
Other	2,877,630	81%	58,985	44%	1,254,495	84%	189,077	72%	337,401	45%	140,594	39%

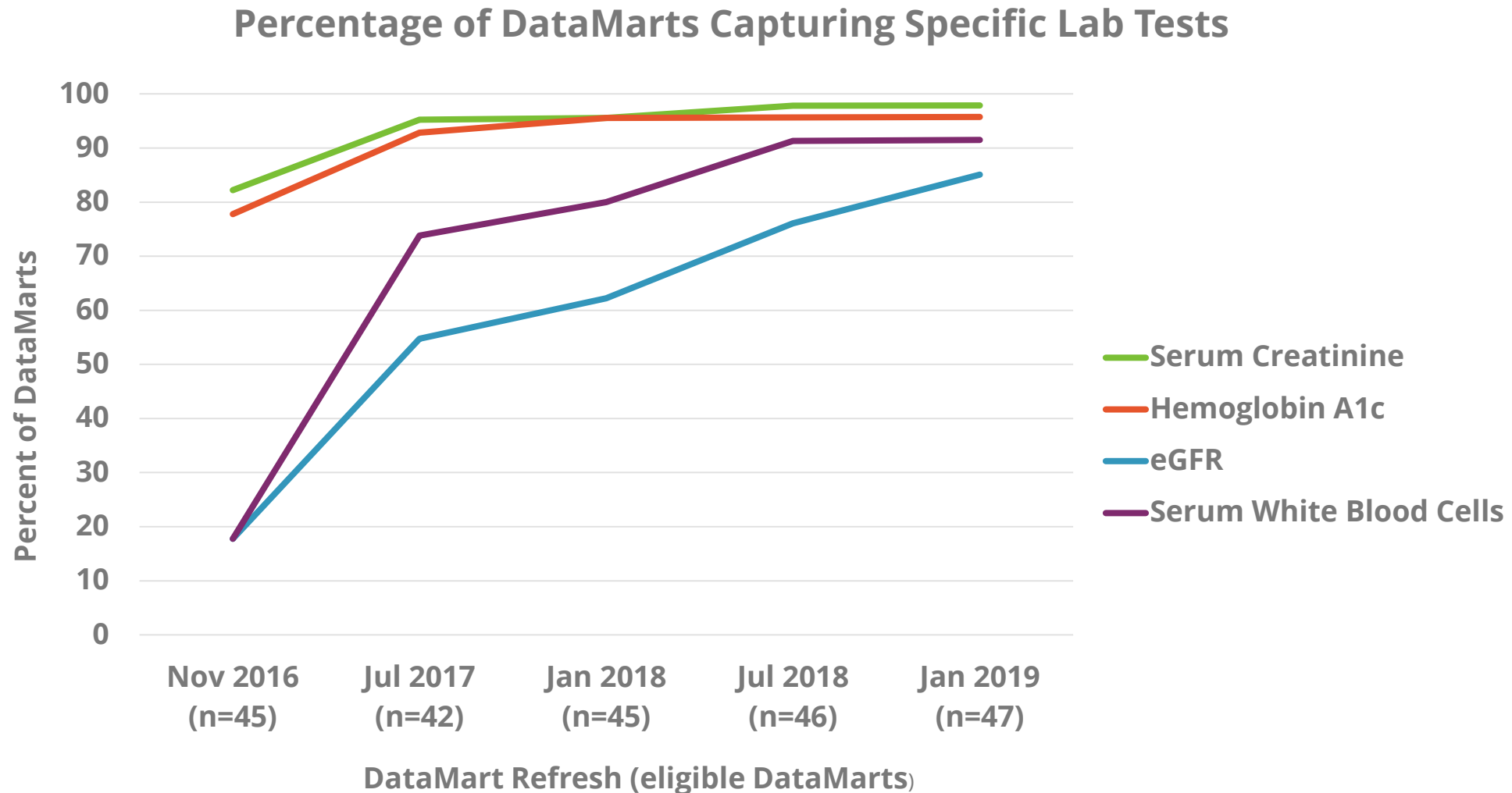
PCORnet 2.0

Density of Lab Data



PCORnet 2.0

Completeness of Selected Lab Tests



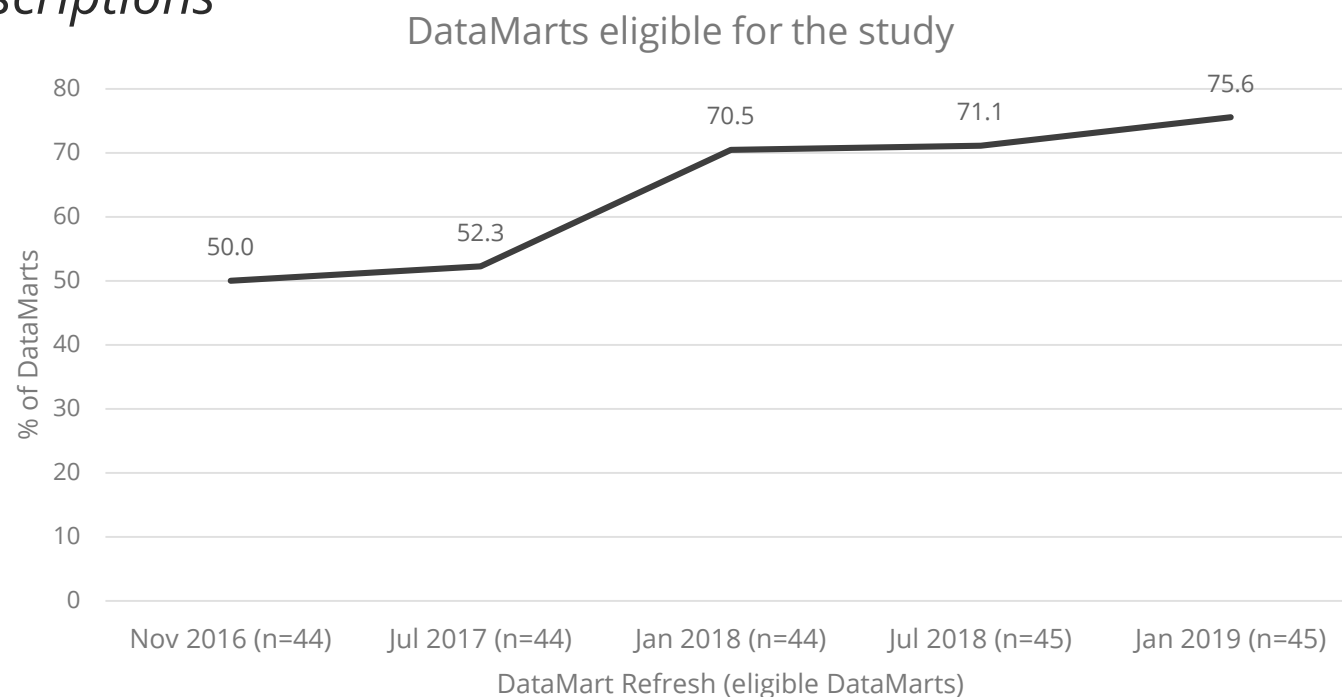
PCORnet 2.0

Availability of detailed prescribing data (medication orders)



Use Case: A study to evaluate whether an approved **biosimilar** is interchangeable with its reference product.

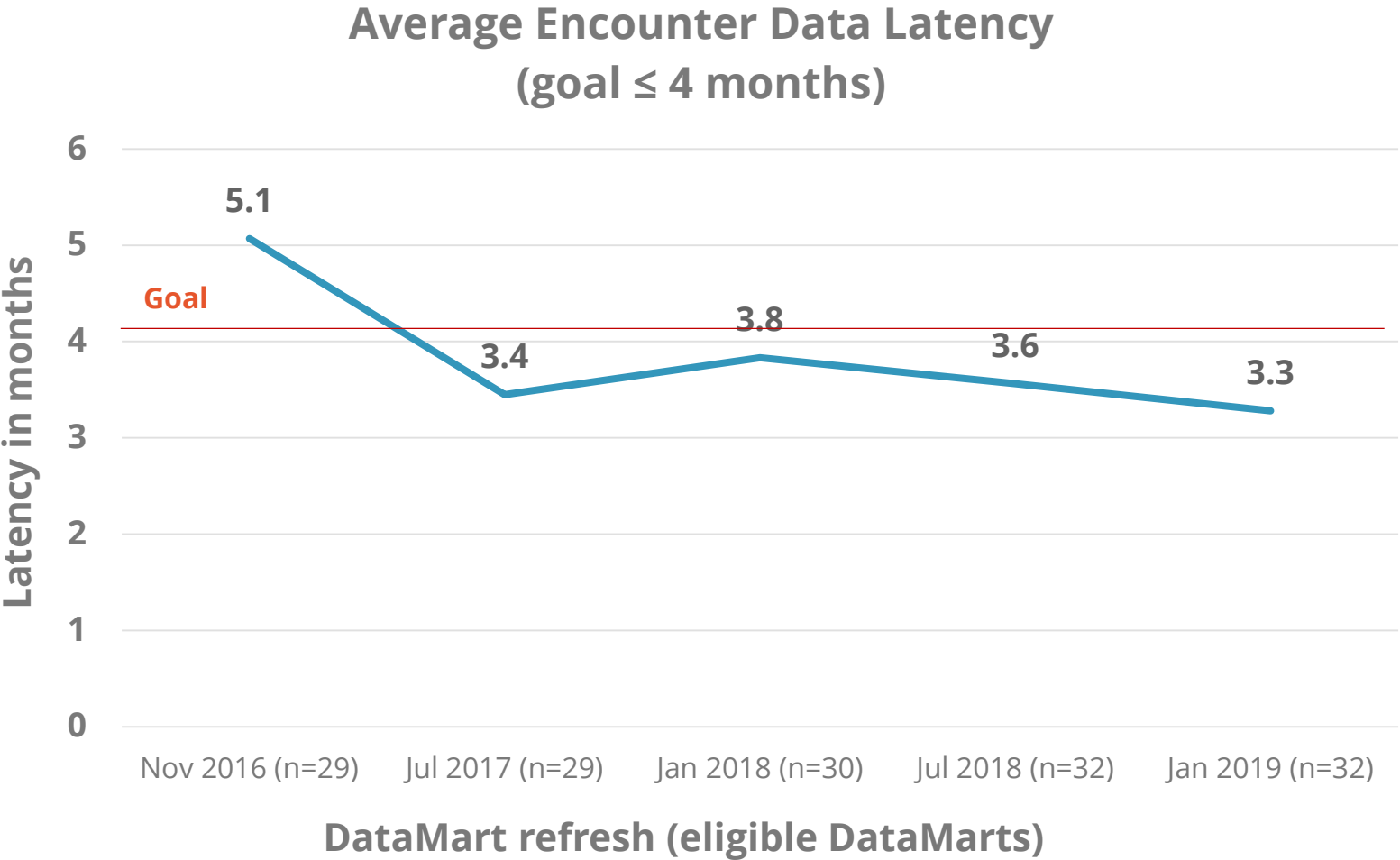
DataMarts must capture the specific drug names that can distinguish a biosimilar from its reference product. Here we show the % of datamarts that capture specific product names for at least 80% of prescriptions



Eligible DataMarts: PCORnet 2.0 DataMarts which include inpatient, ambulatory, and/or Emergency Department encounters and do not use date obfuscation

PCORnet 2.0

Availability of Recent Data



Eligible DataMarts: PCORnet 2.0 DataMarts which include inpatient, ambulatory, and/or Emergency Department encounters and do not use date obfuscation

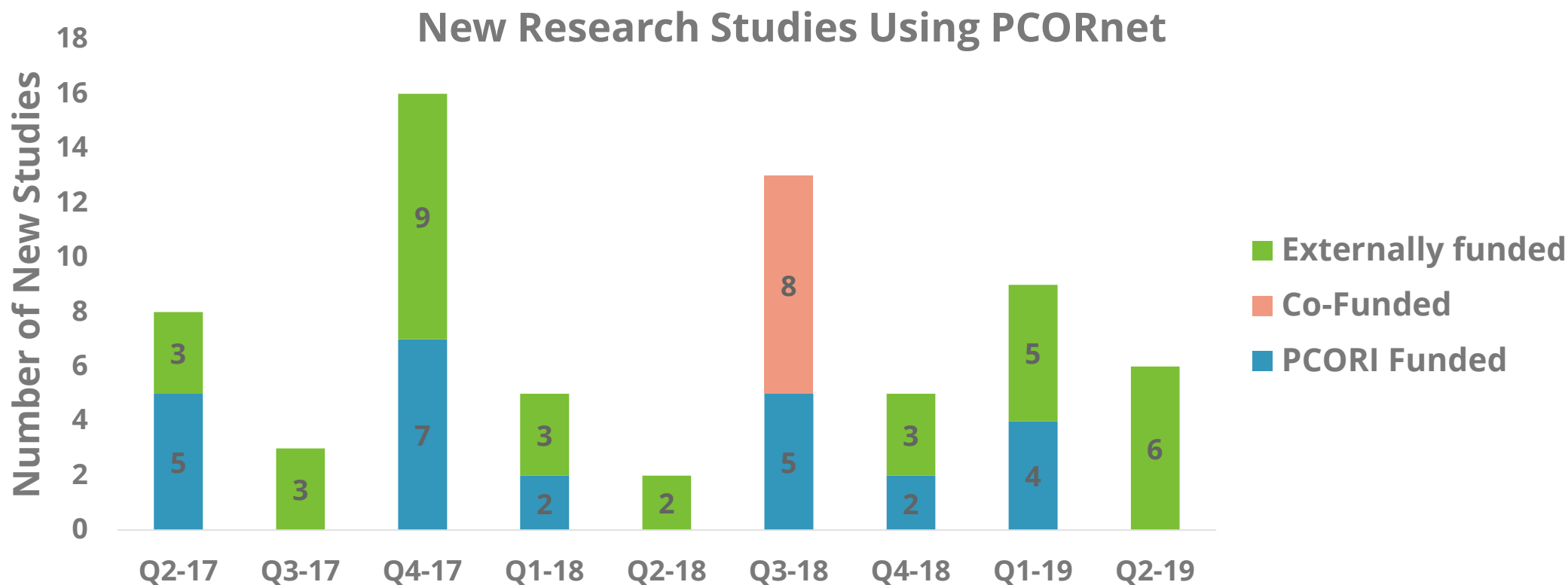


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Research Studies Using PCORnet



Many of the research studies using PCORnet are externally funded or co-funded. For Q2-19, **there are 6 new externally-funded studies in PCORnet**



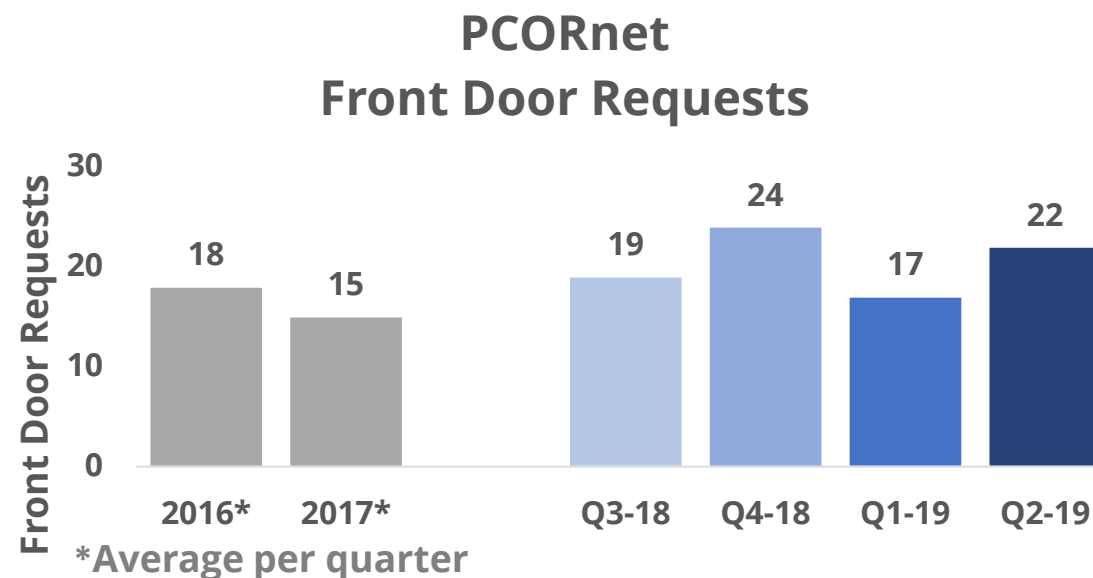


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Front Door Activity

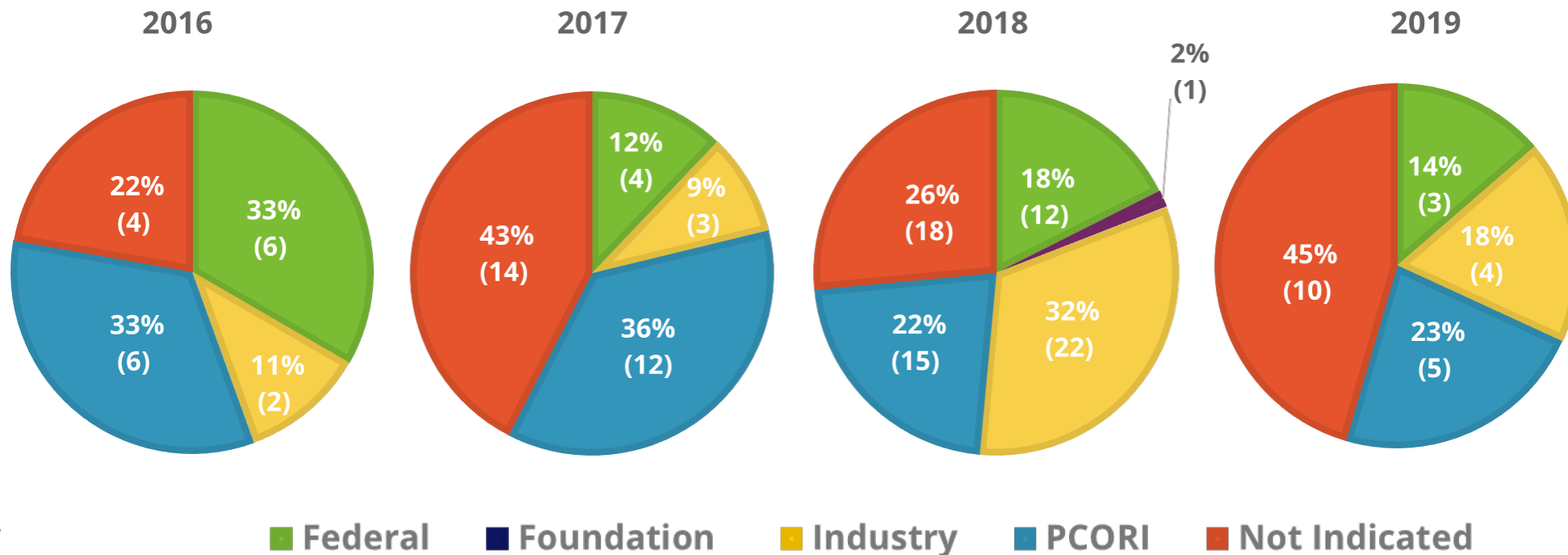


- **The Front Door is the access point** for potential investigators, patient groups, health systems, and sponsors to reach PCORnet resources and infrastructure. It is managed by the PCORnet Coordinating Center
- **Front Door Requests in PCORnet are being tracked**, including data network requests, network collaborator requests, study designation requests, and consultations



Front Door Request by Potential Funding Source

- Increasing diversity of funding sources pursued
- PCORI Partnerships to Conduct Research within PCORnet (PaCR) opportunity is increasing other funder's awareness of opportunities for co-funding



INVESTED (INfluenza Vaccine to Effectively Stop CardioThoracic Events and Decompensated heart failure) **IN♥ESTED**

- Randomized trial to compare high dose trivalent influenza vaccine versus standard dose quadrivalent vaccine in high-risk cardiovascular patients
- PCORnet sites leverage **electronic identification methods** and **cross-network collaborations** to enroll
- In Year 02, PCORnet had fewest sites (n=21), but **delivered most patients per site** (on average). And in Year 03, PCORnet sites tied for the **highest enrollment rate!**

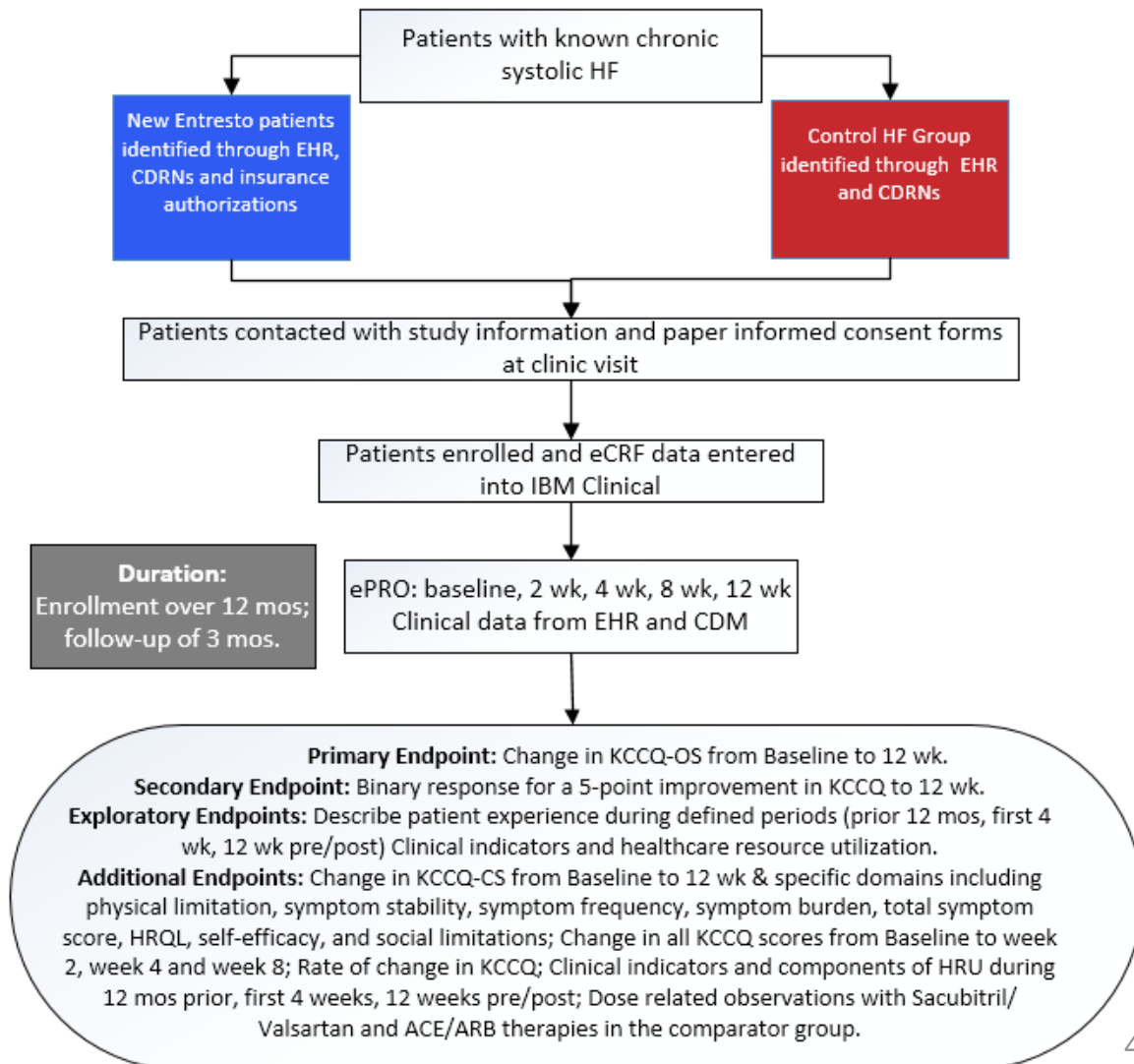
Network	Number of Sites	YEAR 3 Enrollment	Daily Median Enrollment Rate Per Site
Canada	54	822	.09
Non-VA US	60	691	.07
PCORnet	25	306	.09
VA	33	445	.08
ALL	172	2264	.07

The INVESTED trial is funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02787044.

PROVIDE-HF (Patient Reported Outcomes inVestigation following Initiation of Drug therapy with Entresto (Sacubitril/Valsartan) in Heart Failure)



- A non-interventional prospective cohort study of 400 chronic HF patients.
- **Patient reported primary outcome** to determine impact on physical limitations, symptoms, self-efficacy, social interference, and quality of life.
- PCORnet enhanced recruitment techniques enabled this study to **complete enrollment ahead of schedule!** The final study query to capture outcomes scheduled for late summer 2019!



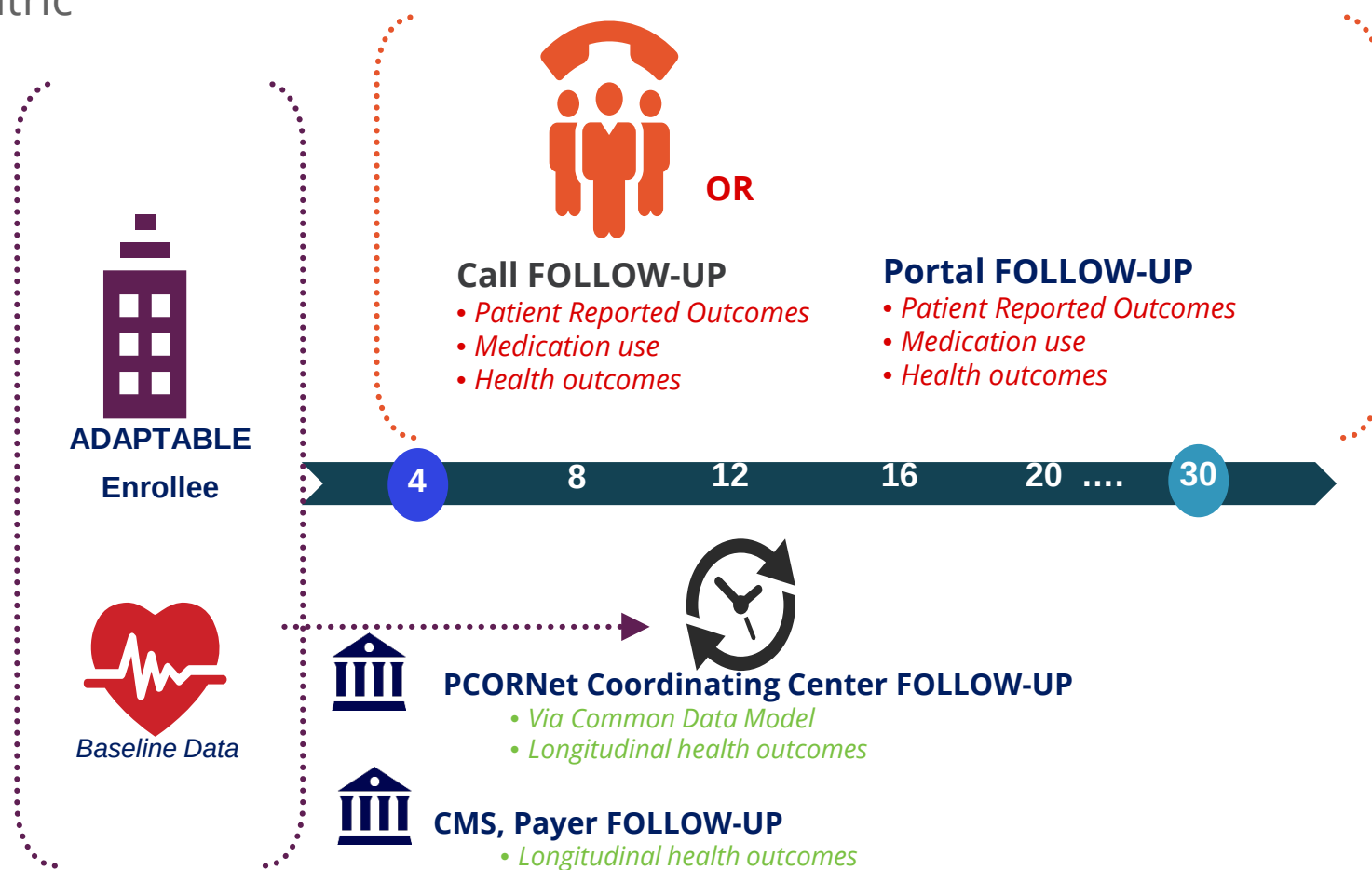
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Research in Progress - ADAPTABLE

ADAPTABLE (Aspirin Dosing: A Patient-Centric Trial Assessing Benefits and Long-term Effectiveness)



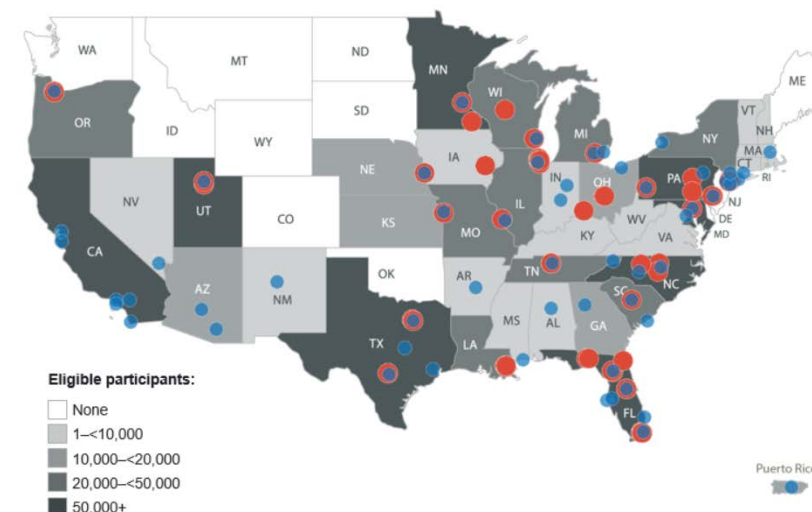
- PCORnet demonstration project to compare daily dose of 81mg or 325mg aspirin.
- PCORnet sites leverage the **Common Data Model** to identify patients and outcomes. Patient stakeholders (**ADAPTORS**) drive success!
- Enrollment rates far exceed other trials in this area. The project has achieved 92% of its enrollment goal to date (>14,000 of 15,000)!



ADAPTABLE is funded by PCORI
ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02697916

- PREVENTABLE (**P**Ragmatic **E**valuation of ev**ENT**s **A**nd **B**enefits of **L**ipid-lowering in old**E**r adults)
 - NIH (NIA, NHLBI, NINDS) application with budget of \$60.5M submitted February 1st (*Review in May 2019*)
 - Response led by Mid-South (PIs: Alexander, Hernandez, Williamson, Ambrosius)
 - All 7 eligible PCORnet networks (~40 sites) participating*
 - Front Door prep-to-research query informed feasibility, approach, and site selection

PCORnet and VA sites and density of eligible participants



AIM 1: Determine the role of a moderate-intensity statin in preventing dementia and prolonging disability-free survival in patients 75 years and older without clinically evident coronary heart disease, including those with frailty, impaired physical function, mild cognitive impairment, polypharmacy, and multi-morbidity.

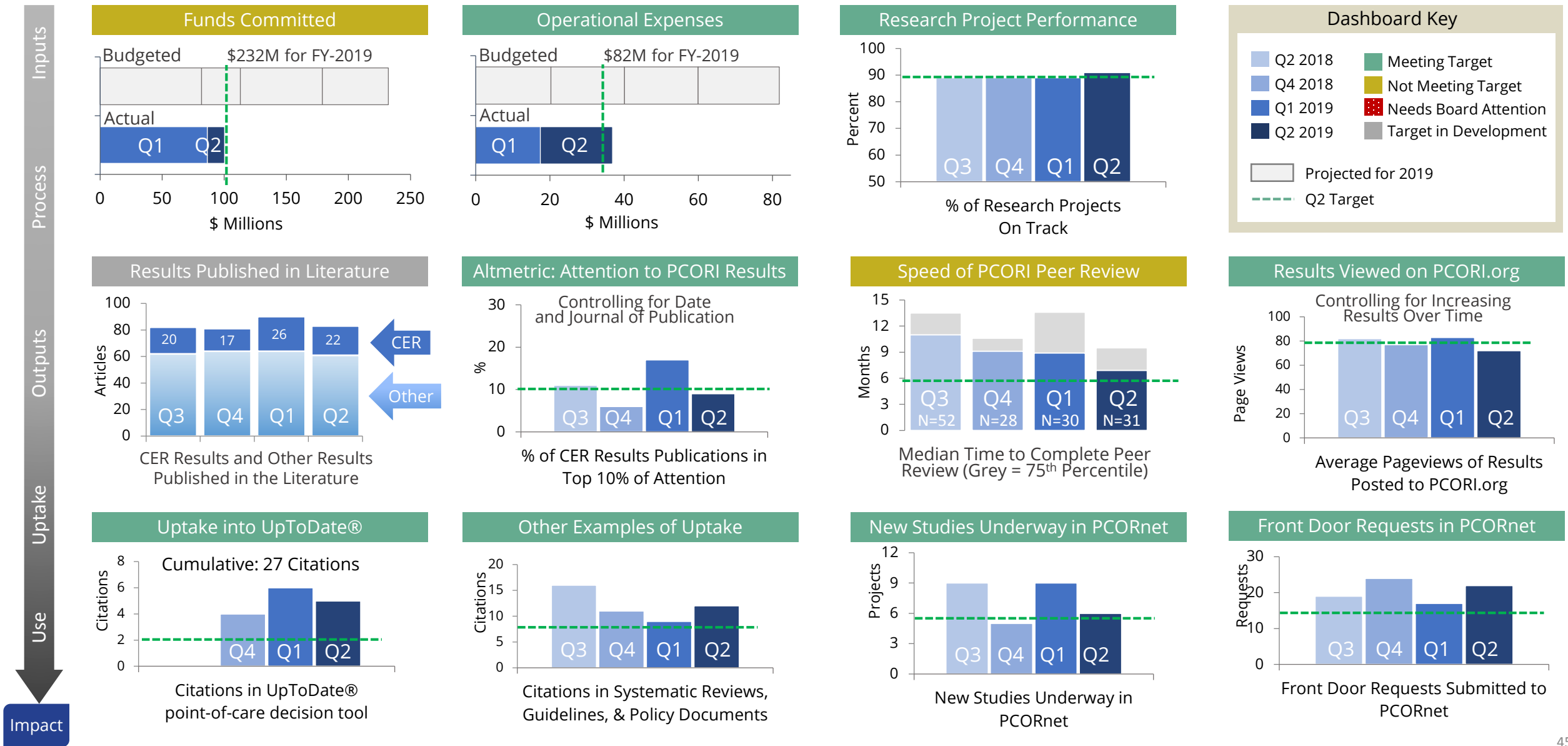
AIM 2: Determine the role of moderate-intensity statin in preventing hospitalization for myocardial infarction/acute coronary syndrome, stroke, heart failure, revascularization or cardiovascular-related death, and preventing either mild cognitive impairment or dementia.

AIM 3: Test the safety and tolerability of statins in older adults and collect 17,000 bio-specimens to advance precision health.

*Neither PEDSnet nor ADVANCE have sufficient numbers of the eligible population

PCORI Board of Governors Dashboard

Second Quarter FY-2019 (As of 3/31/2019)



Discussion Questions

- Do our FY-2019 Dashboard and associated background materials cover the topics that are most important for the Board to review?
- Do you have questions about our Q2 in-depth focus on PCORnet?
- Do you have questions about our Q2 in-depth focus on PCORI Peer Review?
- What questions do you have for our upcoming Q3-19 in-depth focus on Recruitment, Modifications, and Progress of Projects?

Research Portfolio Exploration Series: Portfolio Overview

Joe Selby, MD, MPH
Executive Director

Exploring PCORI's Portfolio of CER Studies



- First, a *brief overview* of some basic dimensions of PCORI's CER portfolio
 - To set the *context*
 - Find out *what else you might like to know* about our portfolio
 - We will prepare these analyses for future meetings
- Then, an *in-depth look* at one of our topic portfolios – Telehealth
 - The first of many planned topic presentations, with others already in the queue
 - Opioids, Multiple Sclerosis, Mental Health, Cancer
- *What other topic portfolios would you like to learn about?*
 - We will prepare in-depth looks for future meetings

Overall Research Portfolio (including Methods Research)

21 cycles funding 622 studies for a total of \$1.95B



Broad PFAs

17 cycles

493 studies

\$902 M

Pragmatic PFAs

11 cycles

43 studies

\$493 M

Targeted PFAs

28 topics

86 studies

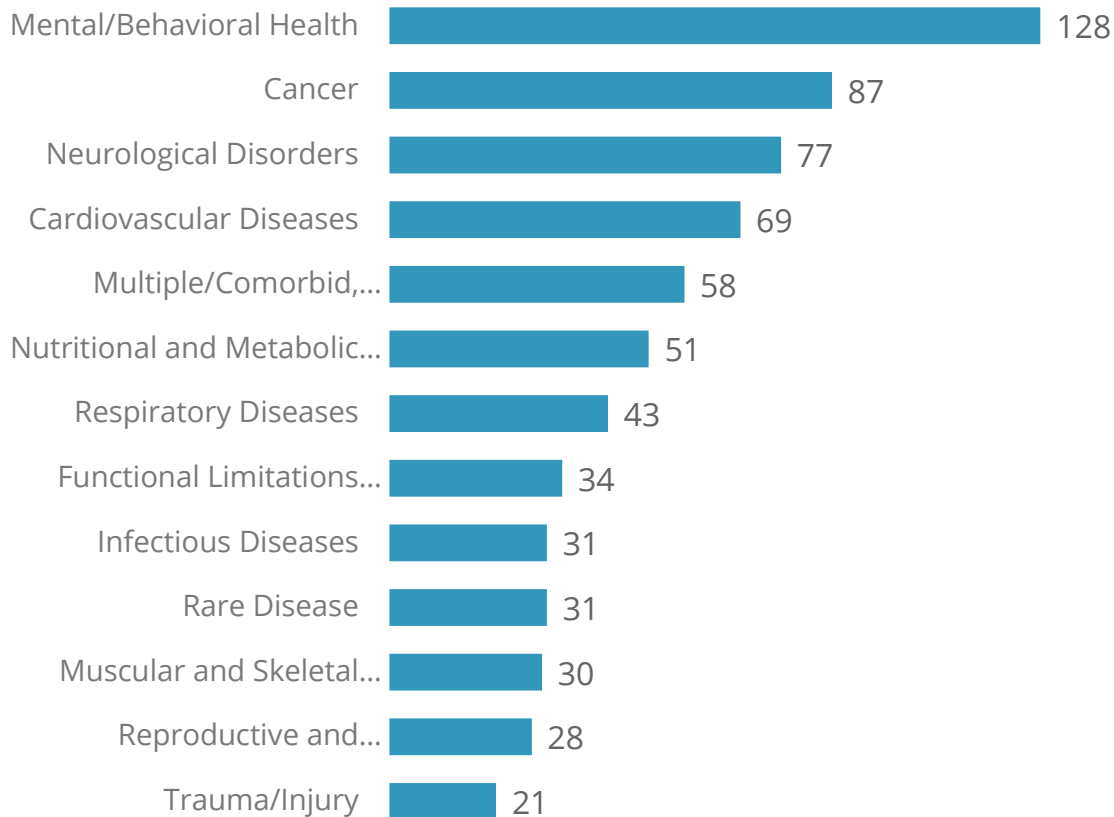
\$557 M

Clinical Conditions in CER Studies

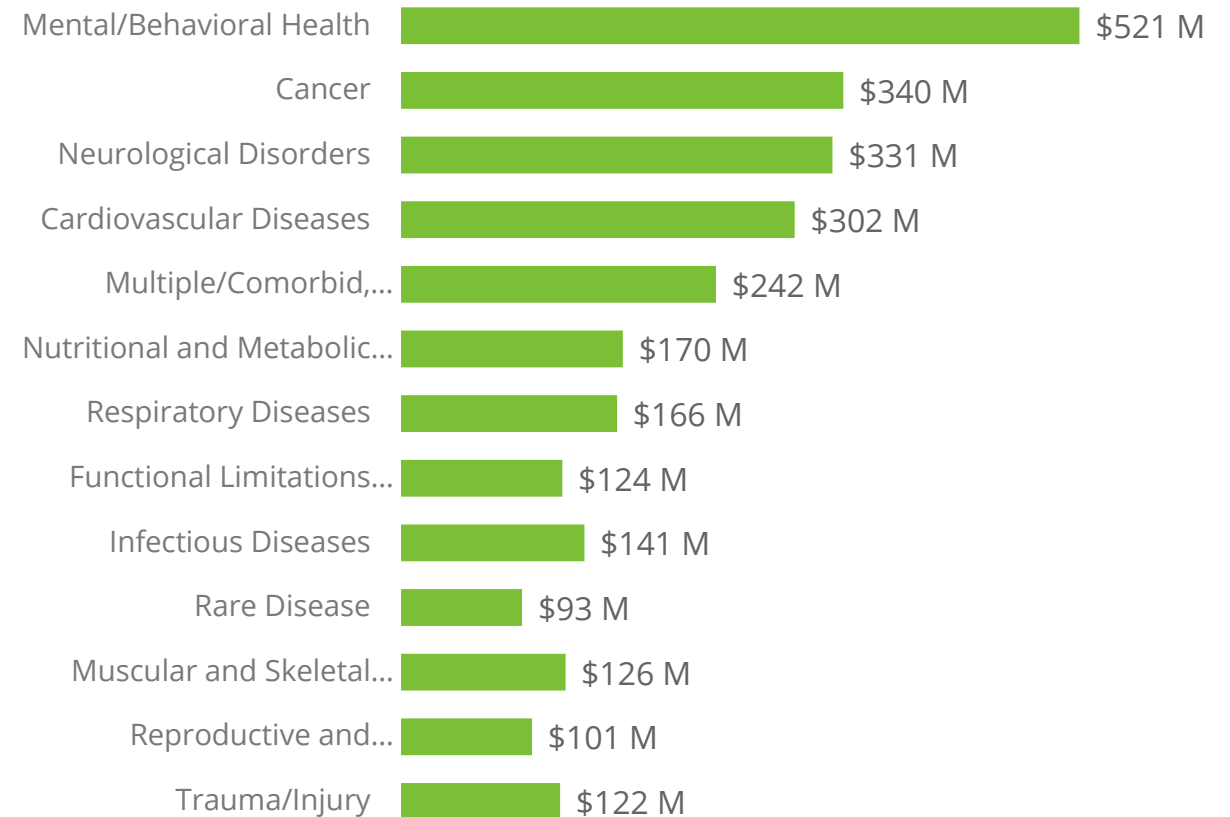
Number & Funding by Condition Category



By Number of Studies (n=464)



By Funding (Board-Approved \$)

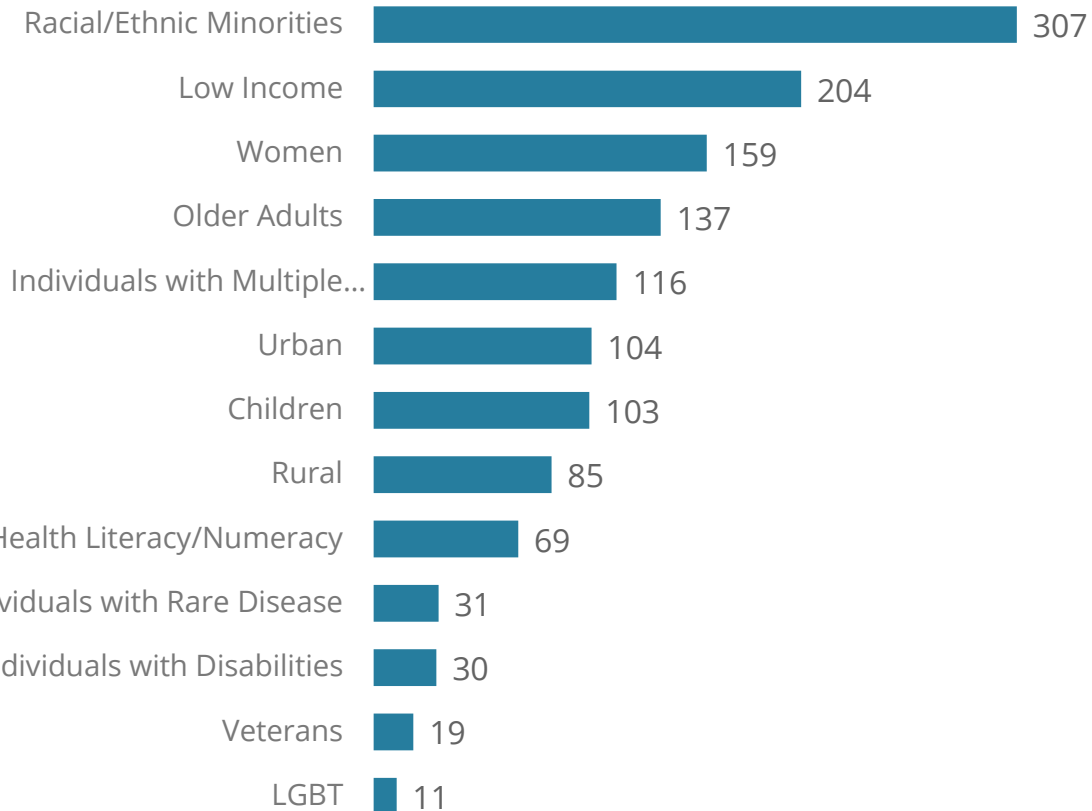


Populations of Interest in CER Studies

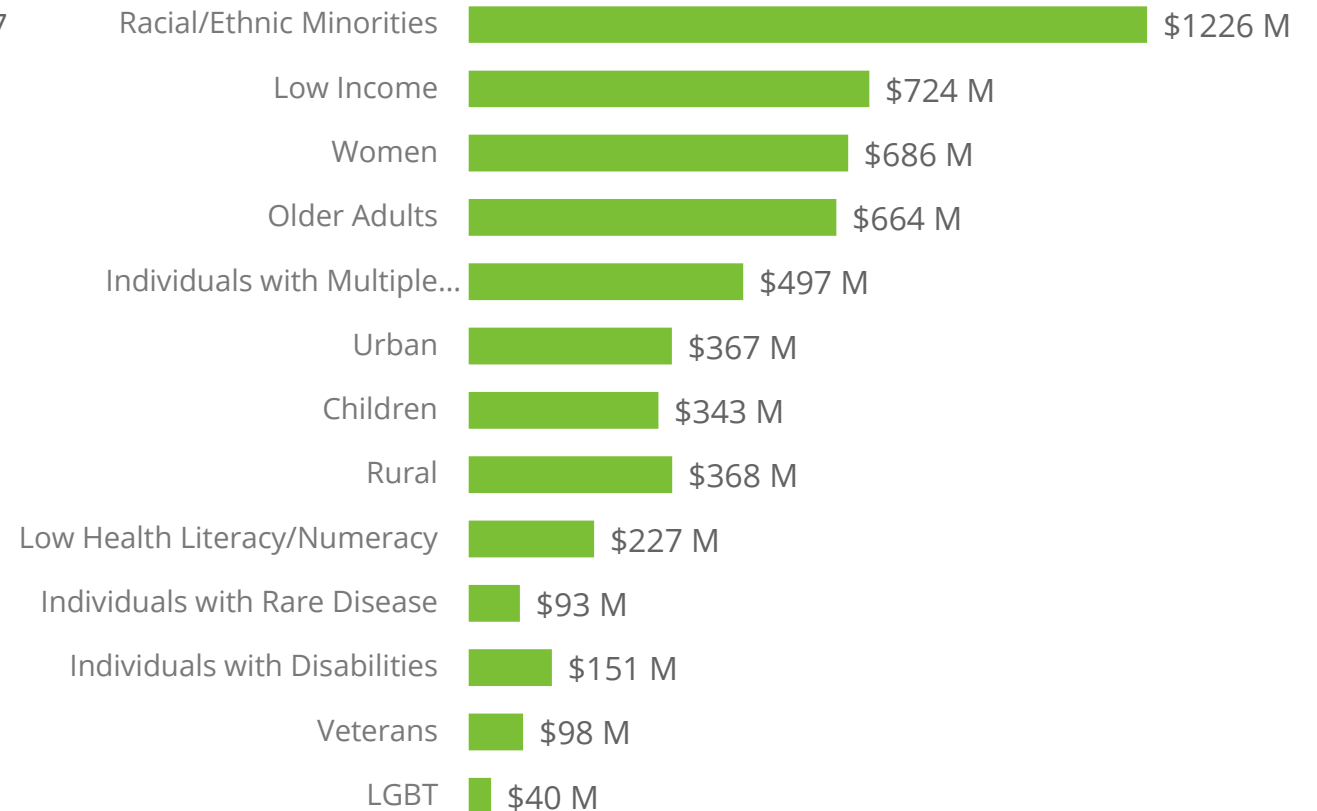
Number & Funding by Population



By Number of Studies (n=464)



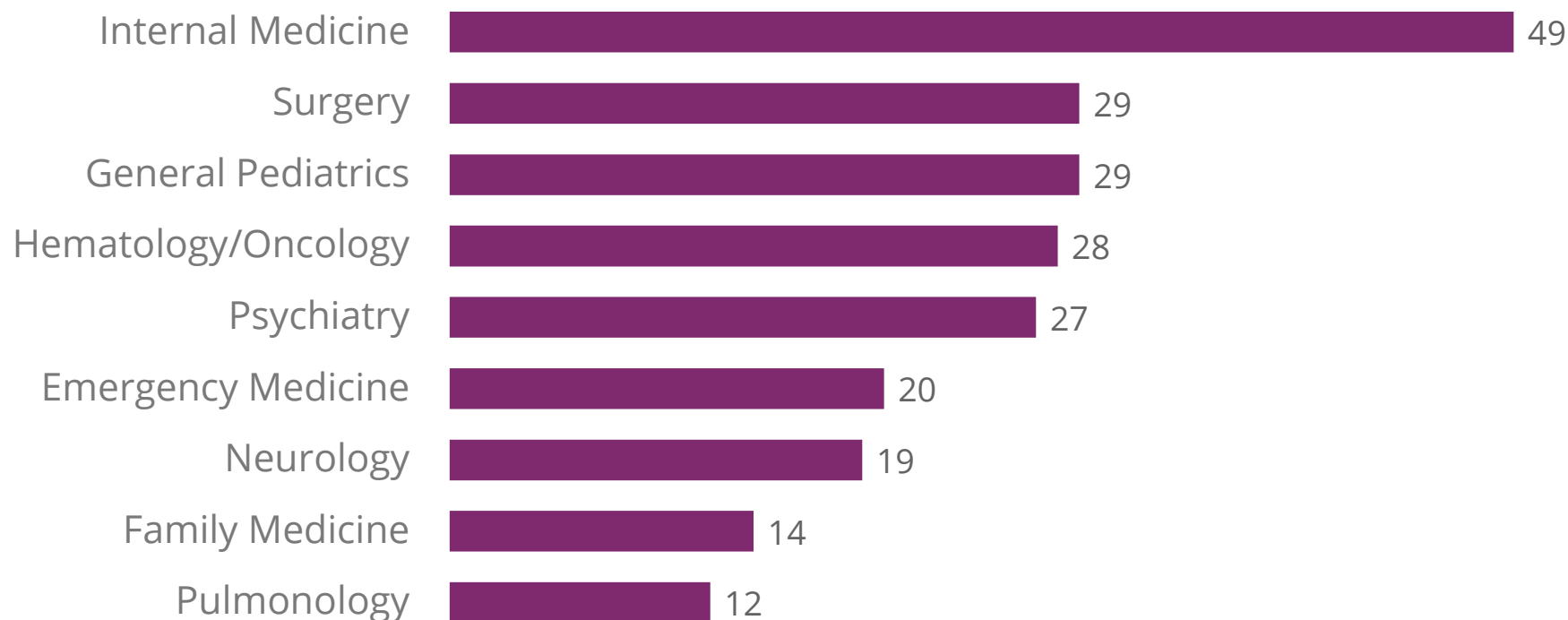
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Principal Investigators in CER Studies

Most Common Medical Specialties

Over half of PCORI CER studies are led by a principal investigator with a medical degree, including the following specialties:



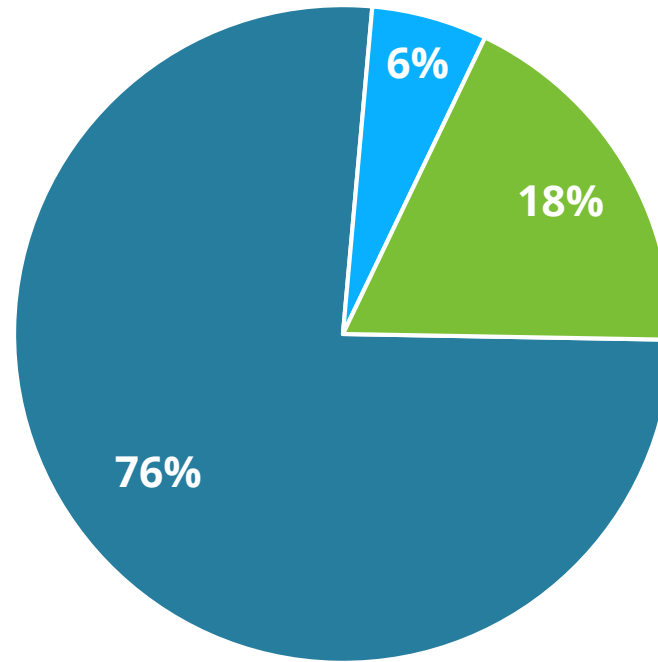
Number of principal investigators

Lead PIs may be counted across more than one category. Chart shows specialties with 12 or more PIs.

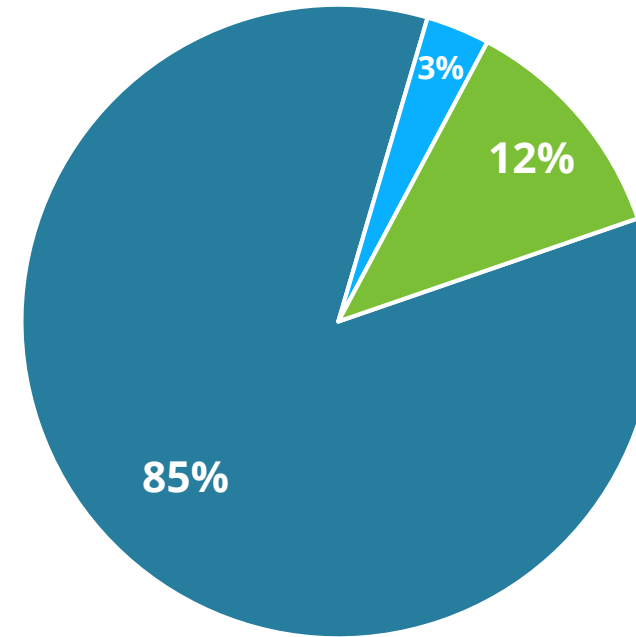
CER Portfolio

CER Distribution by Study Design

- RCTs
- Quasi-Experimental
- Observational

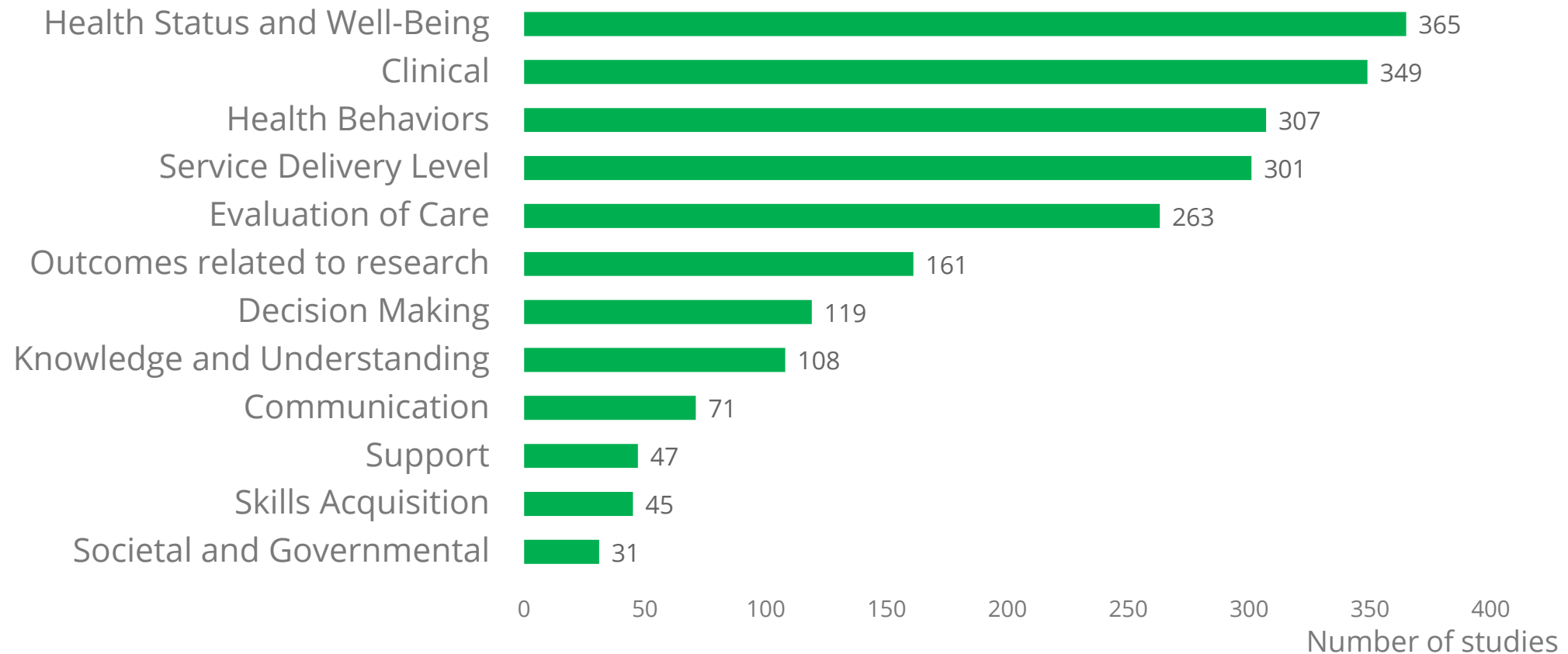


Study Design by
number of awards



Study Design by
Funding amount (\$)
Total: \$1.8B

CER Study Outcomes Themes



PCORI Funds Research on High-Cost, High-Impact Health Conditions



National Per Capita
Expenditure

\$32,027



\$8,285

Condition	Number of PCORI Studies	PCORI Investment
Stroke	15	\$63 M
Heart Failure	15	\$70 M
Hepatitis (Chronic Viral B and C)	8	\$59 M
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	17	\$89 M
Schizophrenia/Other Psychotic Disorders	11	\$22 M
Chronic Kidney Disease	18	\$72 M
Asthma	16	\$51 M
Atrial Fibrillation	4	\$8 M
Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia	13	\$78 M
Depression	47	\$196 M
Cancer	85	\$336 M
Ischemic Heart Disease	22	\$108 M
Osteoporosis	1	\$14 M
HIV/AIDS	9	\$28 M
Arthritis	15	\$50 M
Diabetes	32	\$75 M
Hypertension	12	\$54 M
Hyperlipidemia	7	\$27 M
Autism Spectrum Disorders	2	\$4 M

PCORI has funded **260 CER studies** examining what works best in care for the **19 highest cost conditions** in the United States[^]

[^]High-cost clinical conditions identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for 2015.

A study may be counted across more than one condition category.

Future Portfolio Exploration

- Thanks to the diligent work of teams that contribute to information services, we now have much *more information available* for each aspect of our funded research portfolio – for example, detail about the outcomes being studied in funded projects, as well as growing info on applications that were not funded
- *What questions do you have* about PCORI's portfolio of funded studies?
- What should we prepare to focus on in *future portfolio explorations*?

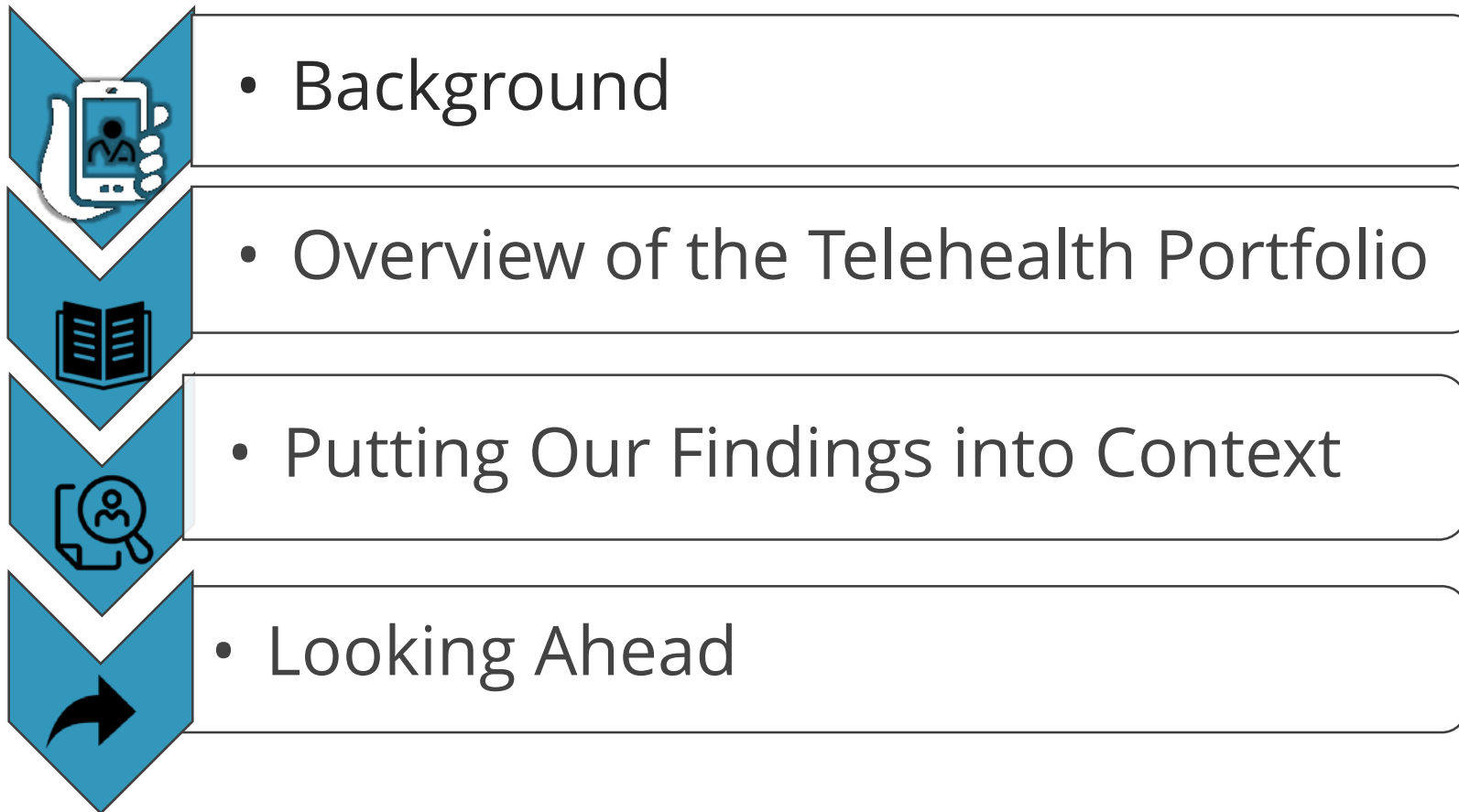
Overview of PCORI's Telehealth Portfolio:

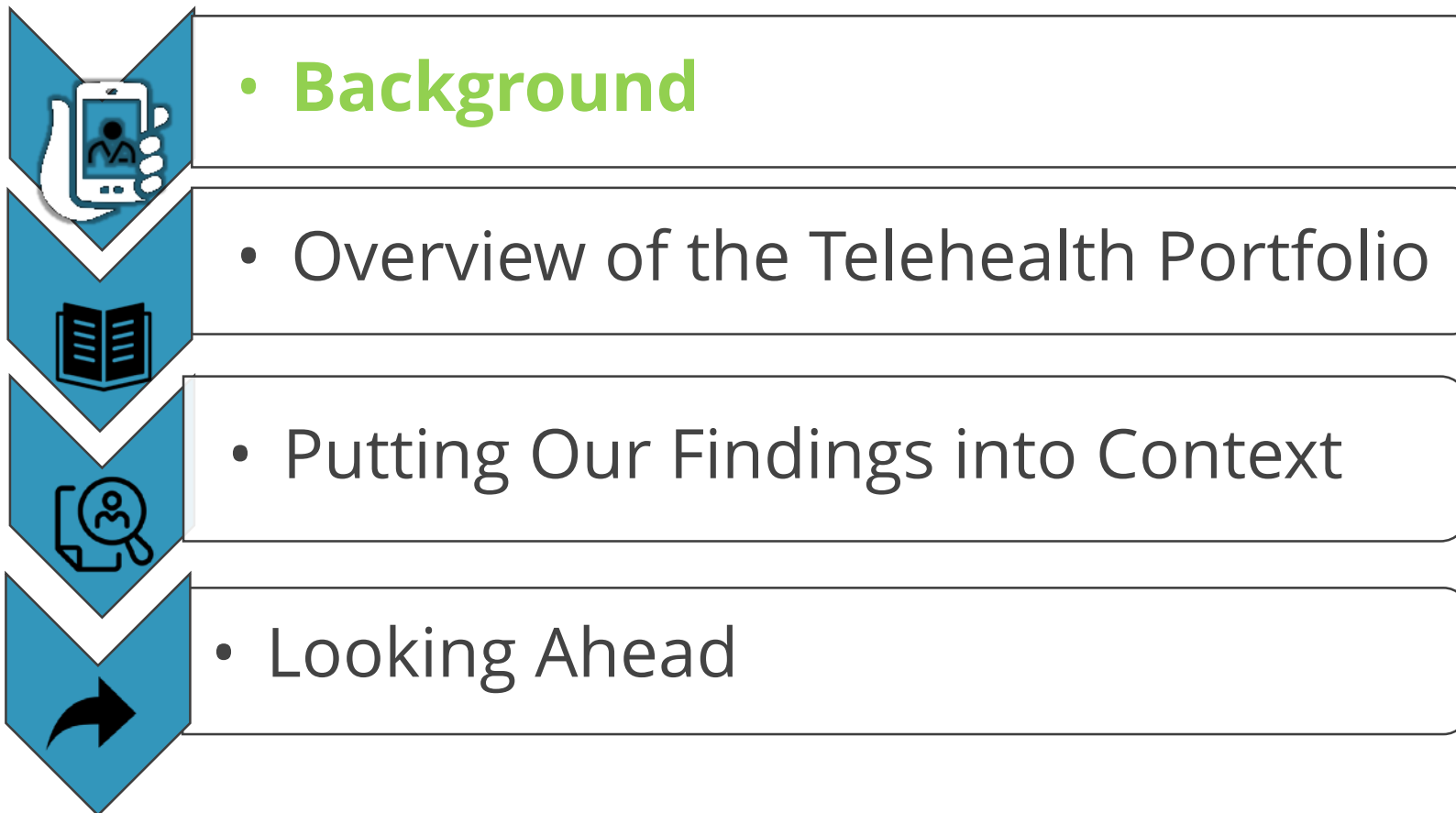
Reflections of a Changing Delivery System

Penny Mohr, MA

Senior Advisor, Emerging
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Initiatives

Overview





What is Telehealth?

Telehealth

- The use of medical information exchanged **from one site to another** via **electronic communications** to improve a patient's clinical health status. Voice only interactions are excluded

Telemedicine

- Telemedicine seeks to improve a patient's health by permitting **two-way, real time or asynchronous interactive** communication between the **patient, and the physician or practitioner** at the distant site. It allows health professionals to **evaluate, diagnose, and treat** patients at a distance

mHealth

- The use of **mobile and wireless devices** to improve health outcomes and healthcare services at a distance from the health care provider. Includes **unidirectional** communication (e.g., text message support)

Why PCORI Attracted Telehealth

Research Gaps in Telehealth Reflect Our Mission

- **Robust Comparative Studies**
 - Head-to-head comparisons of functionality/integration
- **Measurement of Patient-Centered Outcomes**
 - Function, symptoms, and health-related quality of life.
- **Understanding Variation Across Diverse Populations and Settings.**
 - Addressing individual differences and barriers to implementation and dissemination
- **Engaging Stakeholders in the Design**
 - User-centered design can help surmount barriers to adoption and sustainability (integration into the workflow; acceptability to patients)

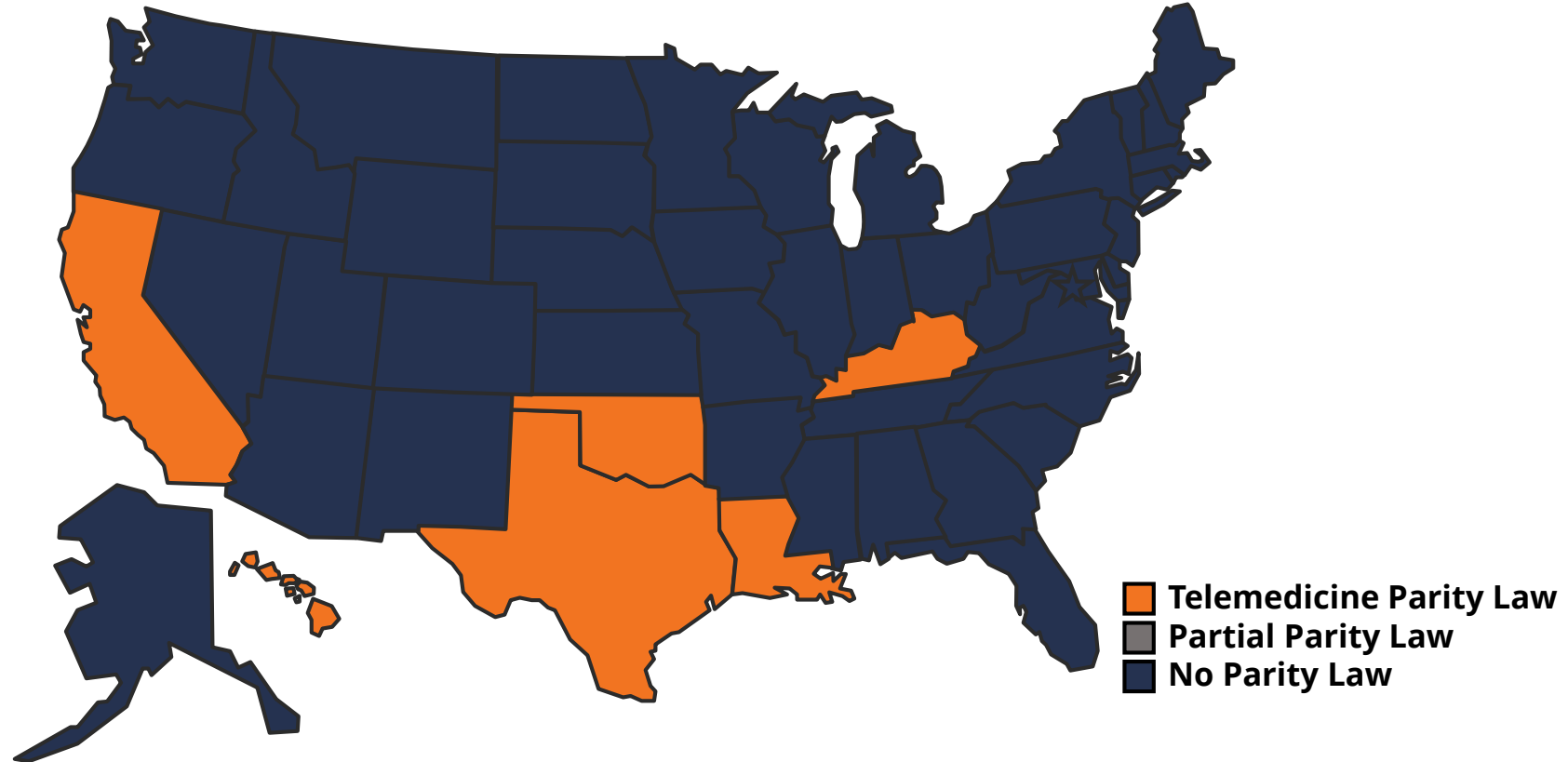


Telehealth Affords Patient-Centered Care

- **Delivery where and when care is needed**
- **Personalization of the interface**
 - Low health literacy /Limited English proficiency
 - Cultural preferences

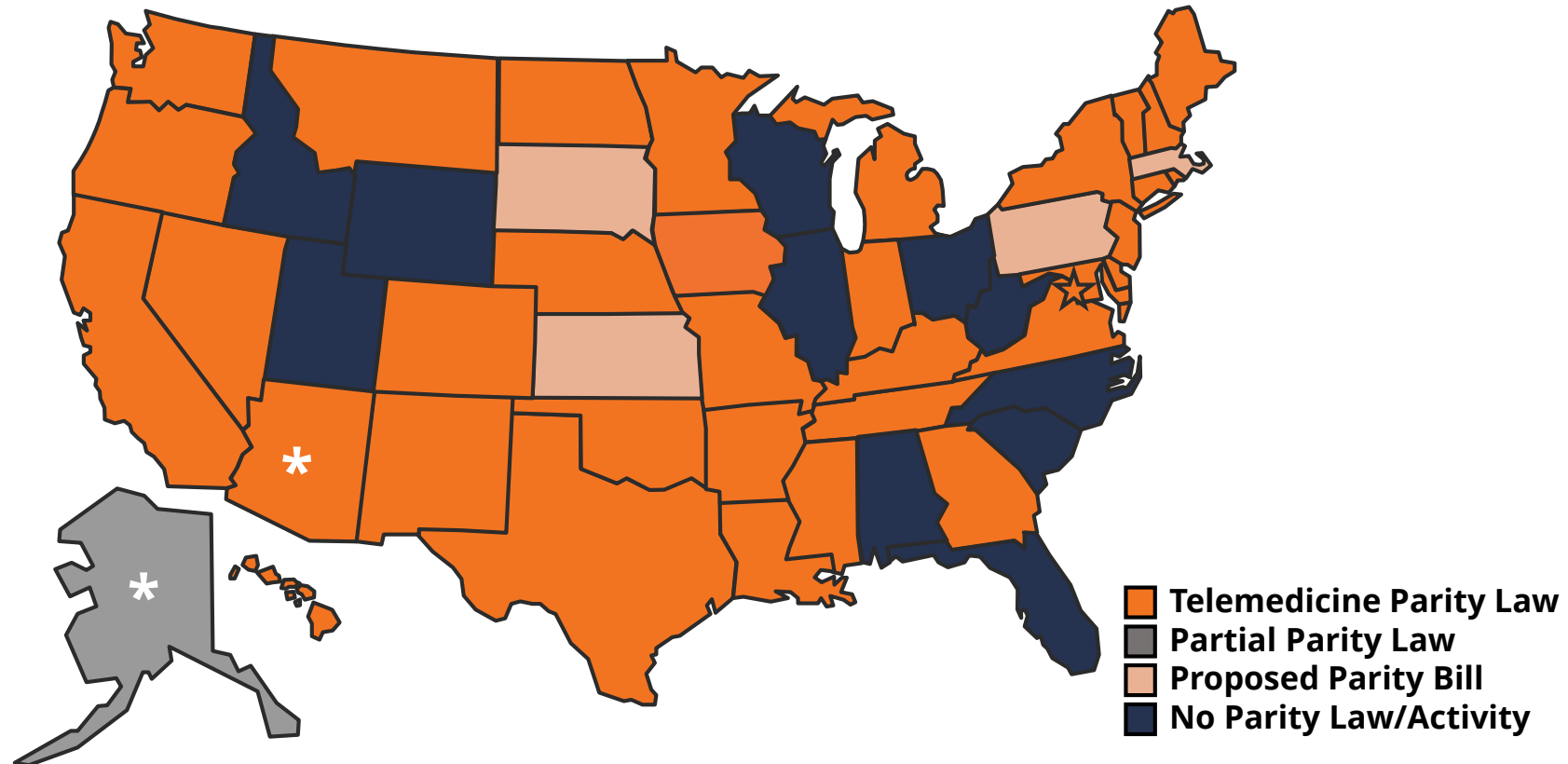


States with Parity Laws for Private Insurance Coverage of Telemedicine (2000)



States with the year of enactment: California (1996), Hawaii (1999), Kentucky (2000), Louisiana (1995), Oklahoma (1997), and Texas (1997)

States with Parity Laws for Private Insurance Coverage of Telemedicine (2018)

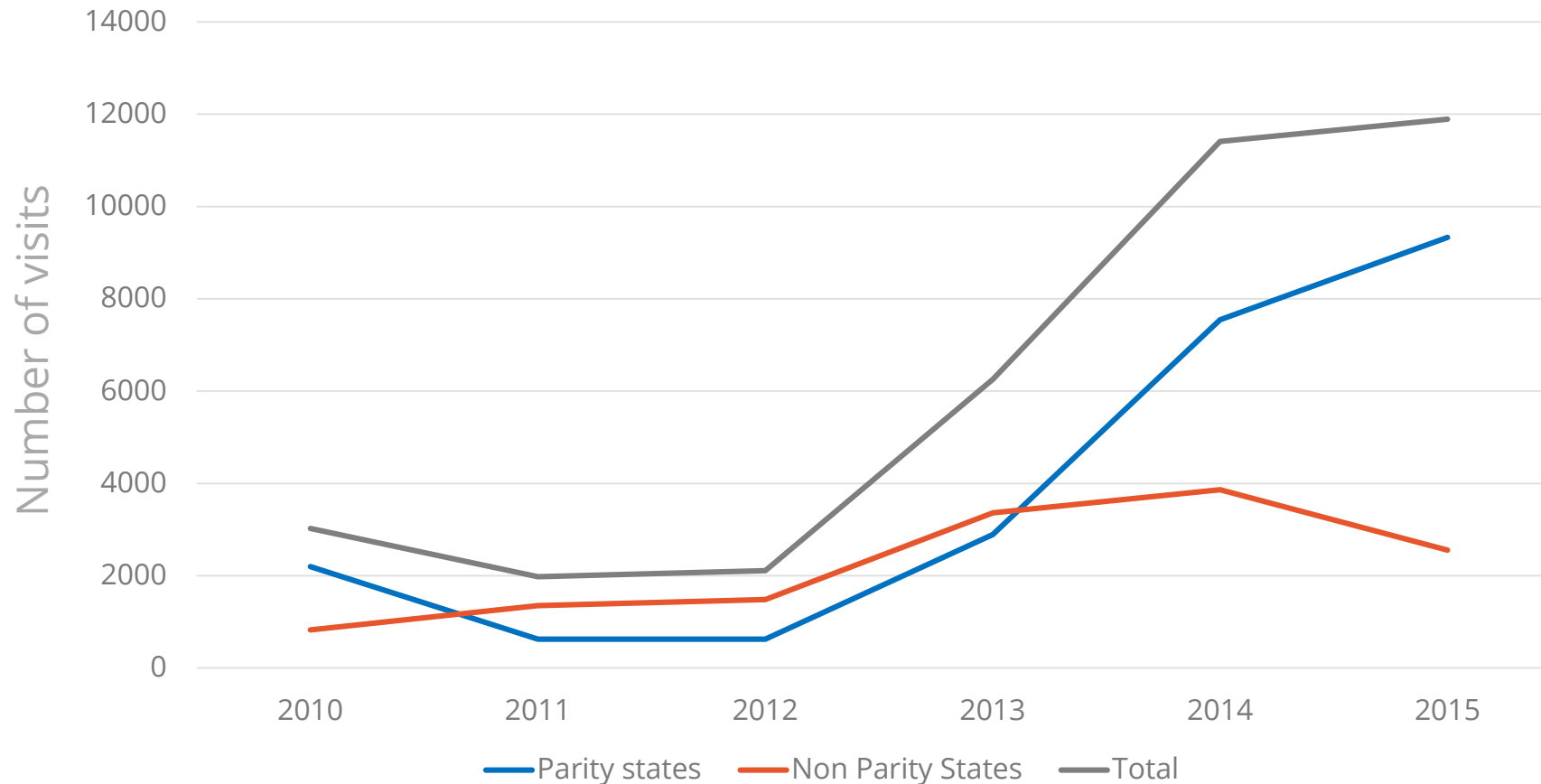


States with the year of enactment: Alaska (2016)*, Arizona (2013)*, Arkansas (2015), California (1996), Colorado (2001), Connecticut (2015), Delaware (2015), Georgia (2006), Hawaii (1999), Indiana (2015), **Iowa (2018)**, Kentucky (2000), Louisiana (1995), Maine (2009), Maryland (2012), Michigan (2012), Minnesota (2015), Mississippi (2013), Missouri (2013), Montana (2013), **Nebraska (2017)**, Nevada (2015), New Hampshire (2009), **New Jersey (2017)**, New Mexico (2013), New York (2014), **North Dakota (2017)**, Oklahoma (1997), Oregon (2009), Rhode Island (2016), Tennessee (2014), Texas (1997), Vermont (2012), Virginia (2010), Washington (2015) and the District of Columbia (2013)

States with proposed legislation: In 2018, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota

**Coverage applies to certain health services.*

Growth in Outpatient Telehealth Services in Private Insurance



Source: Harvey JB et al. Utilization of Outpatient Telehealth Services in Parity and Non-Parity States, 2010-2015. Telemedicine and eHealth Published online 30 May 2018; <https://doi.org/10.1089/tmj.2017.0265>

A Trend Towards Expanded Coverage

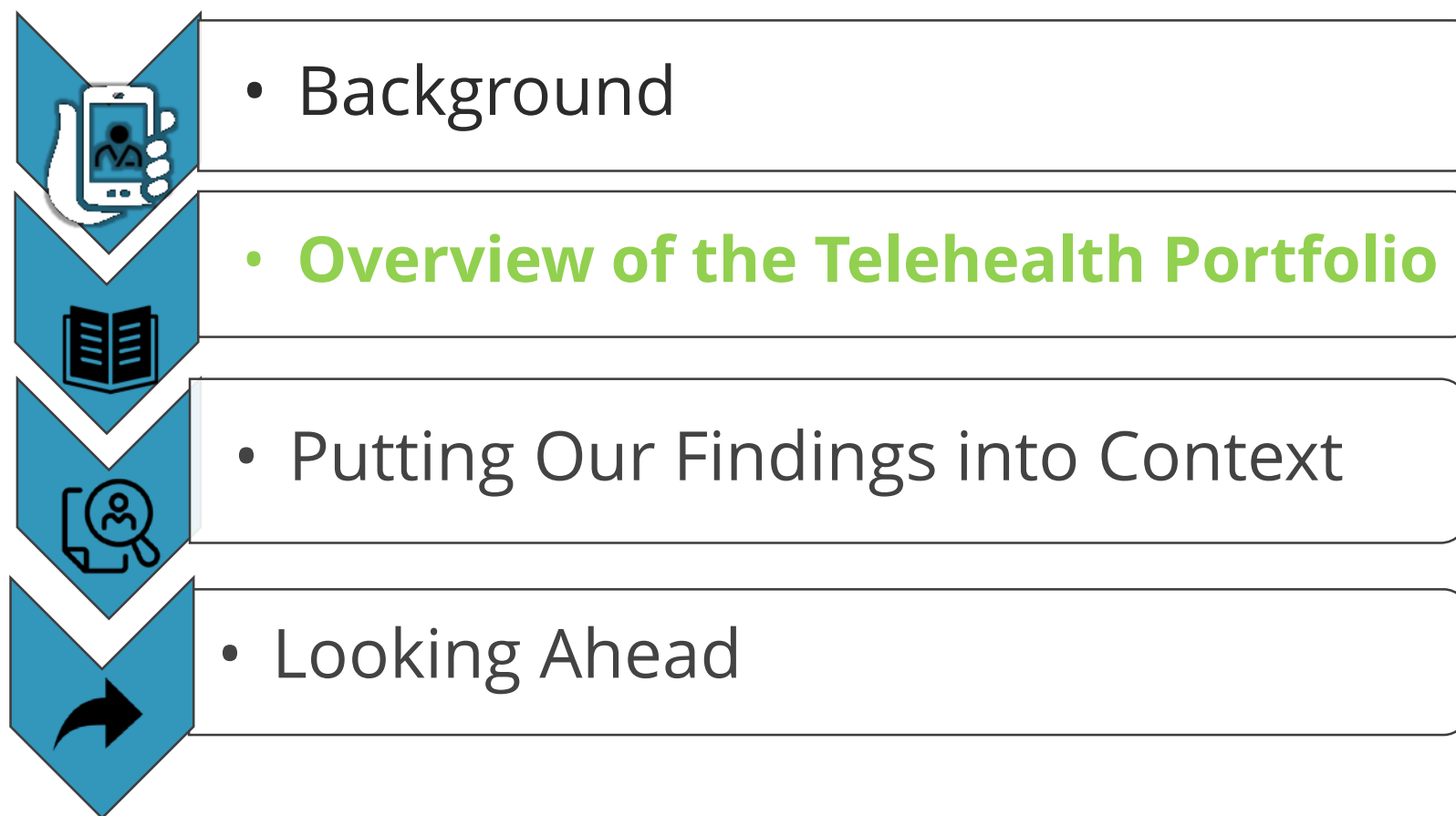


- Medicare Advantage Plans
 - Eliminates geographic restrictions
 - Allows payment for services in the home
- Physician Fee Schedule
 - Expands coverage for remote monitoring
 - Pays for Brief Virtual Visits
 - Expands coverage for inter-professional consults
- Expands coverage for addiction treatment

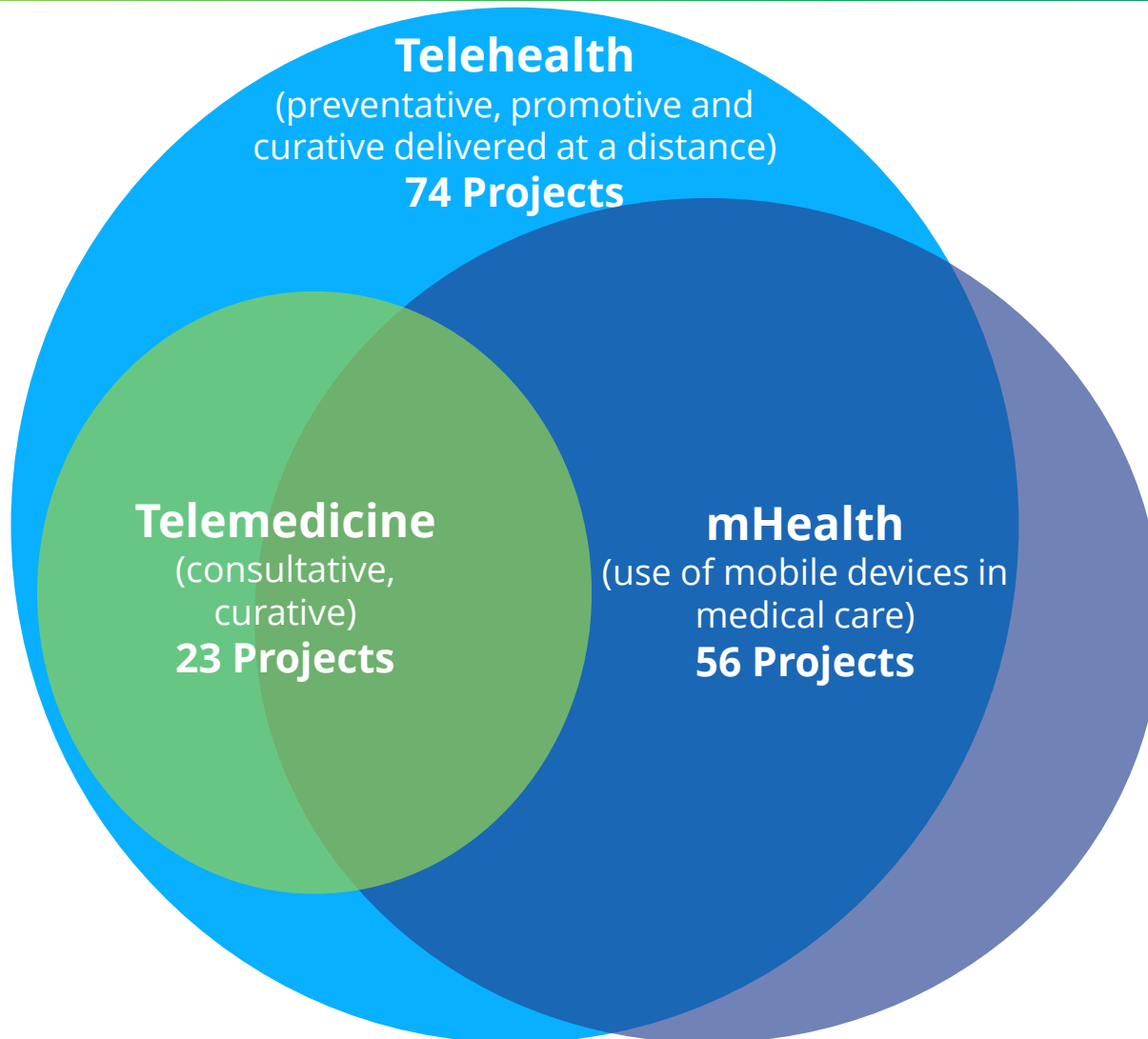
Medicaid



- All but one state pays for live video
 - Expansion by some states to eliminate originating site restrictions and include more specialties
- 11 states pay for store and forward
- 20 states pay for remote monitoring
- Allows remote prescribing for opioid treatment



PCORI's Telehealth, Telemedicine, and mHealth Portfolio



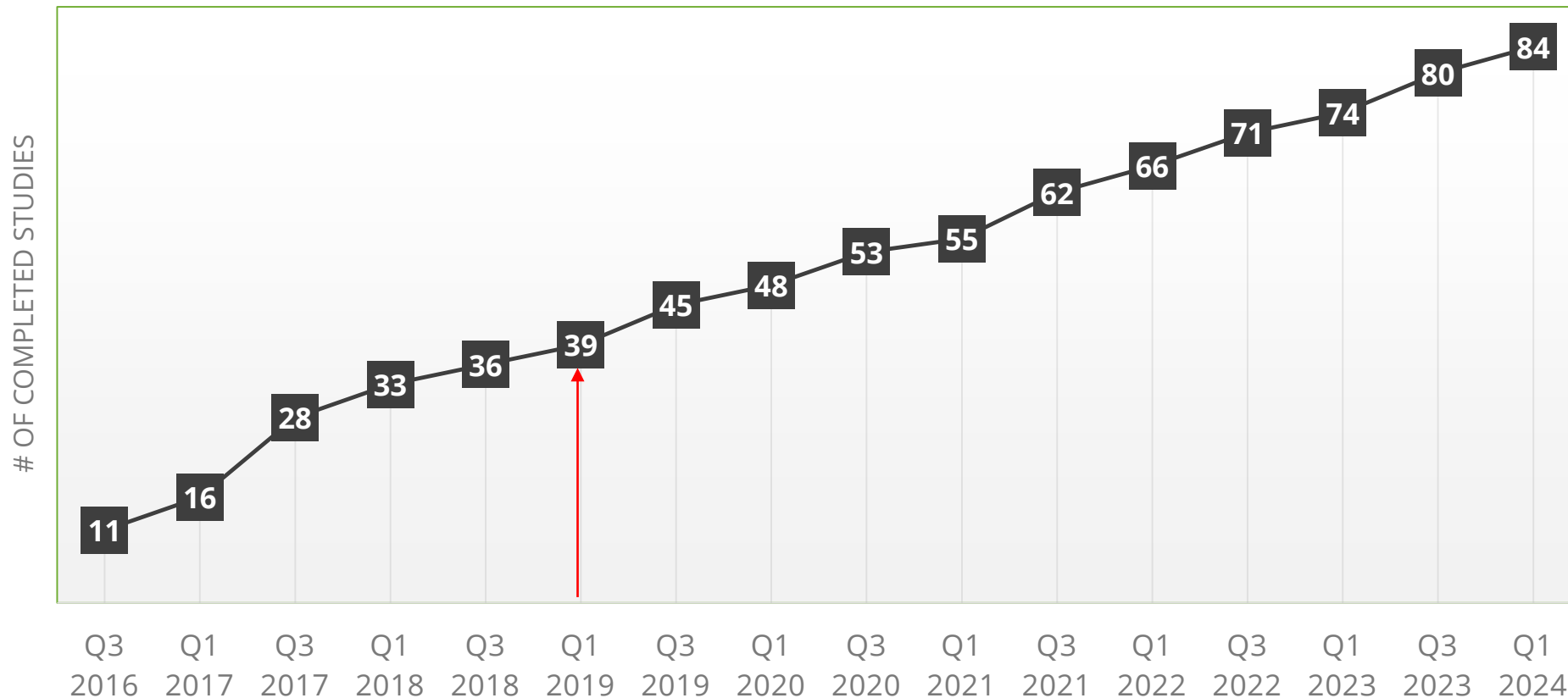
\$352 MILLION
SUPPORTING **84**

**COMPARATIVE CLINICAL
EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH
STUDIES IN TELEHEALTH**

*As of April 2019
Projects may be classified as more than one type*

When Will Results from Telehealth Studies Likely Be Available?

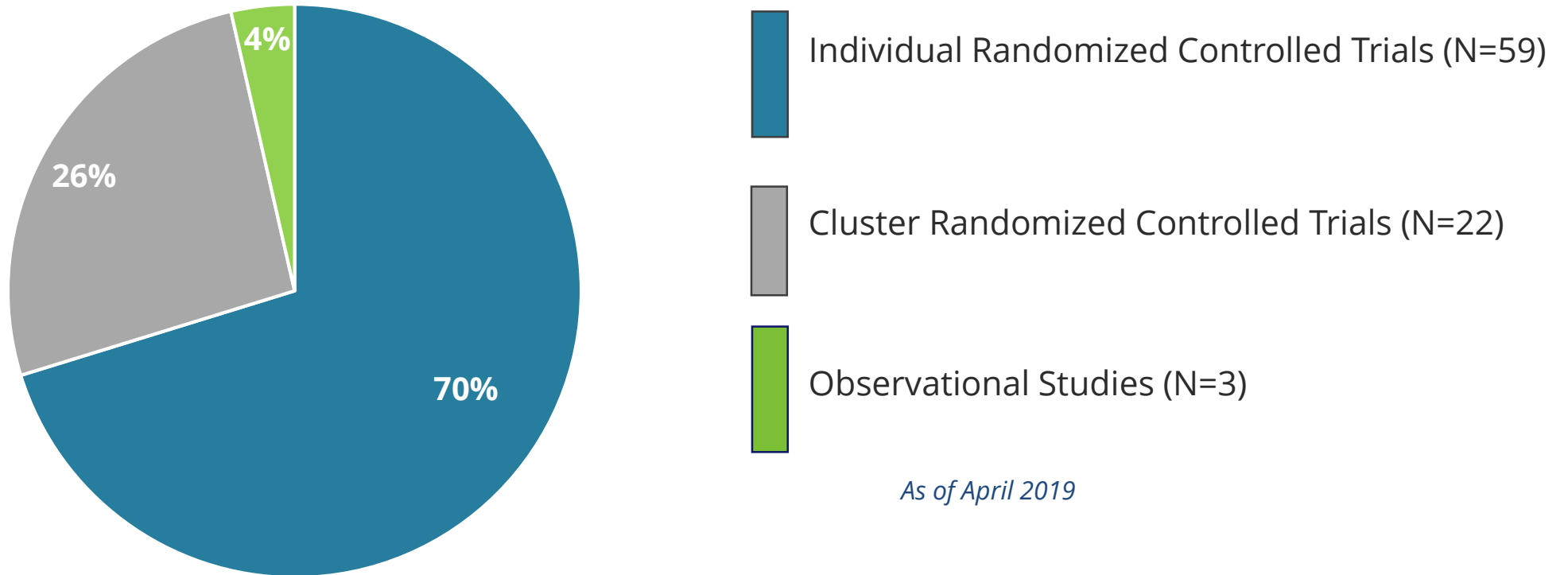
Number of Completed Studies Over Time



Average duration of telehealth projects (N=84):
3.7 years

Telehealth Projects by Study Design

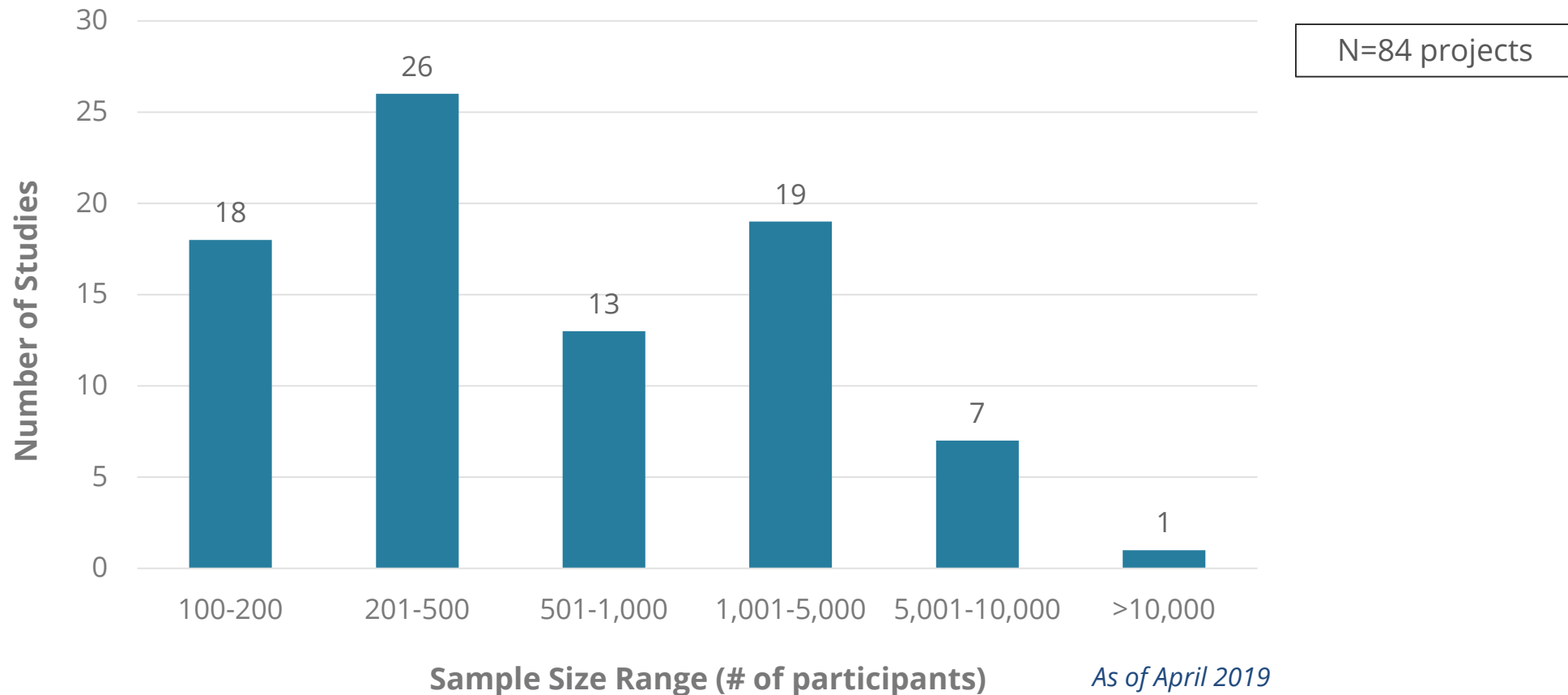
Nearly all studies are RCTs



As of April 2019

Range of Sample Sizes Among Telehealth Projects

While most studies are moderate size, a significant number are very large



Comparative Effectiveness of Early Integrated Telehealth Versus In-Person Palliative Care for Patients with Advanced Lung Cancer

What This Study Does

- Compares the effectiveness of early integration of palliative care delivered via telemedicine versus in-person visits for advanced lung cancer patients living in remote areas

Design

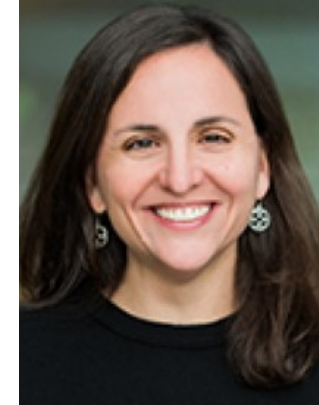
- Individual RCT (1,250 patients and 987 caregivers)
- 20 institutions in 17 states

Key Outcomes

- Quality of life, satisfaction with care, healthcare utilization

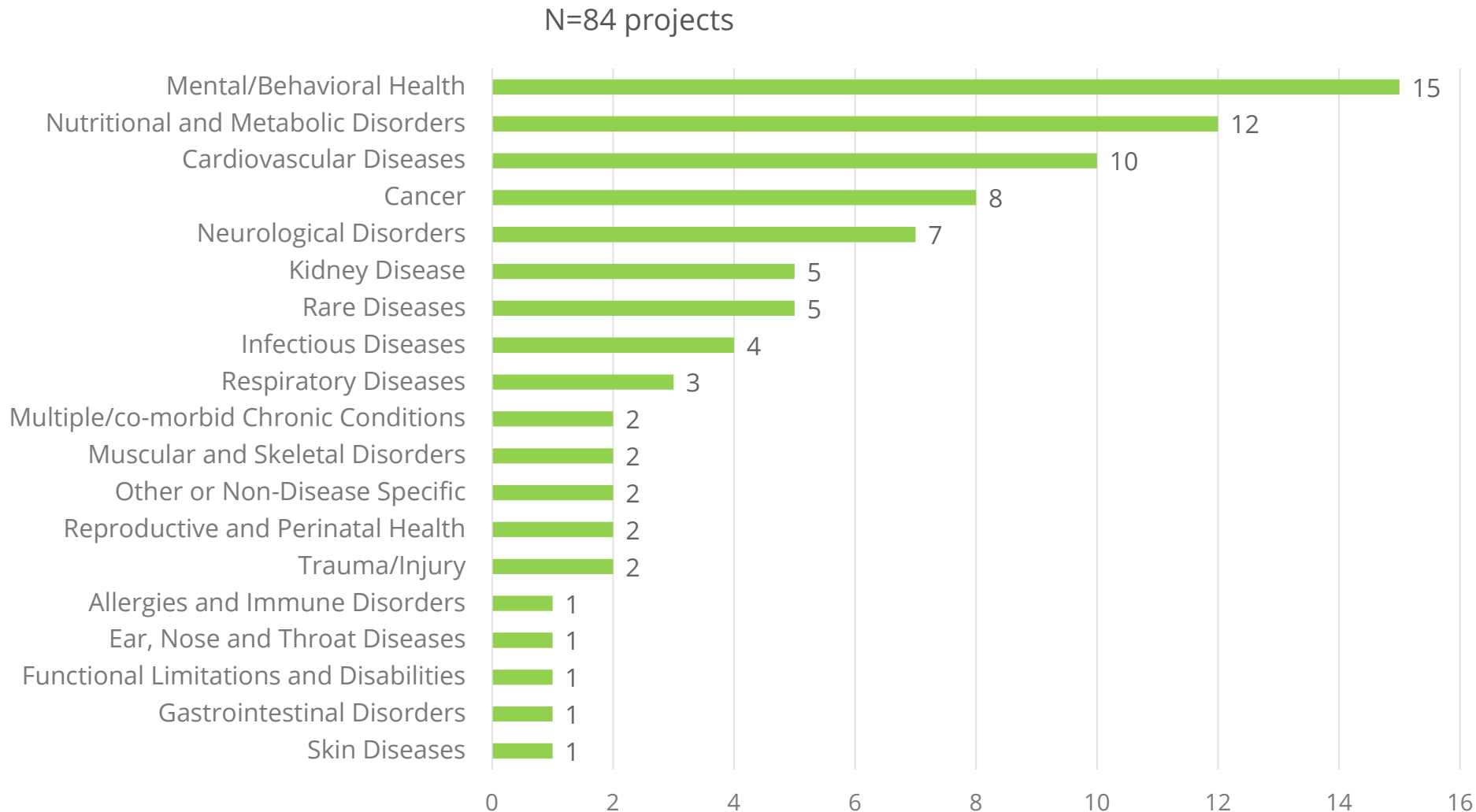
Engagement

- Patients, caregivers, clinicians, telemedicine experts, health systems leaders, payers, and health policy experts will be engaged throughout this study



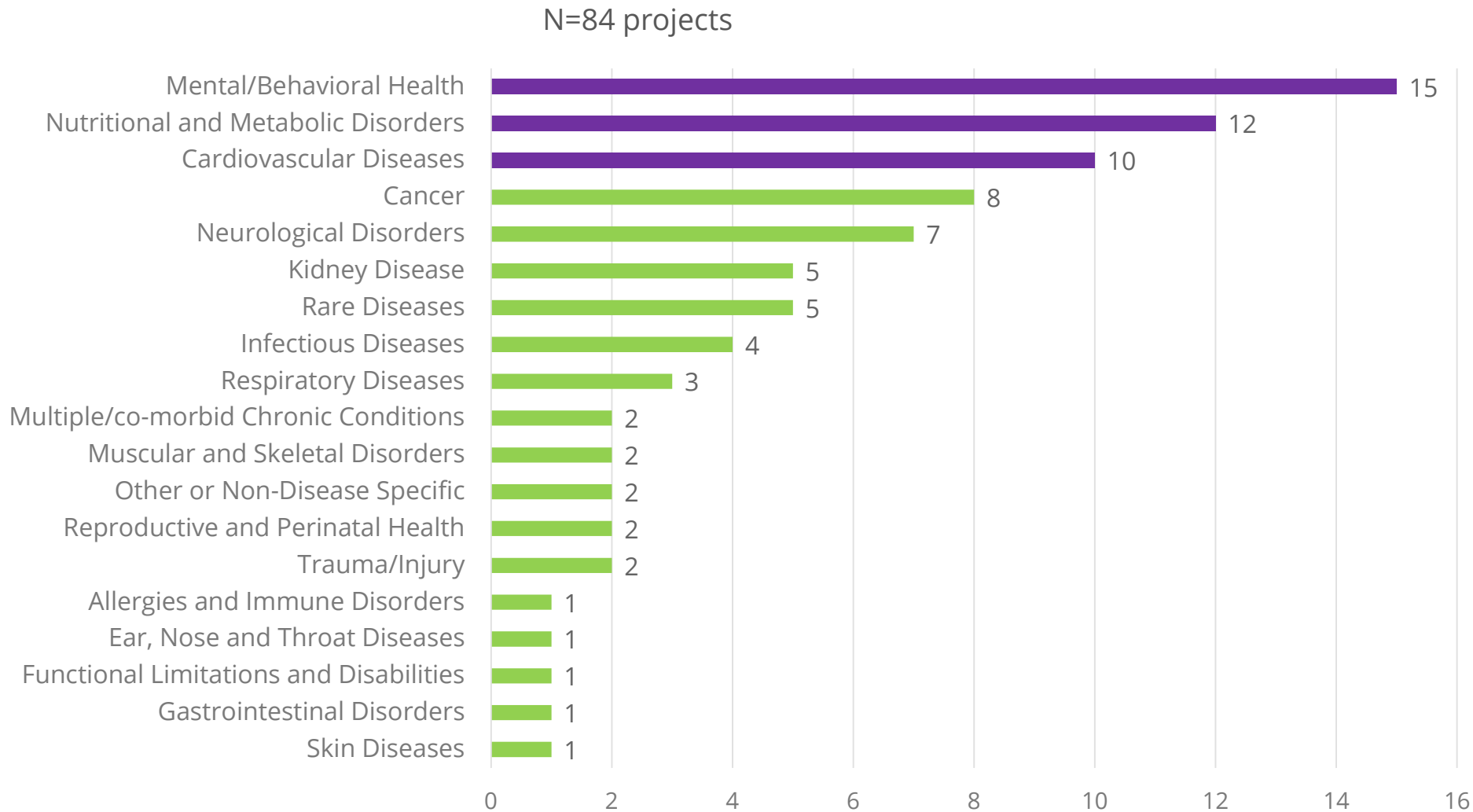
Jennifer Temel, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital

Number of Telehealth Projects by Primary Disease/Condition



As of April 2019

Number of Telehealth Projects by Primary Disease/Condition



**Mental and
Behavioral
Health**



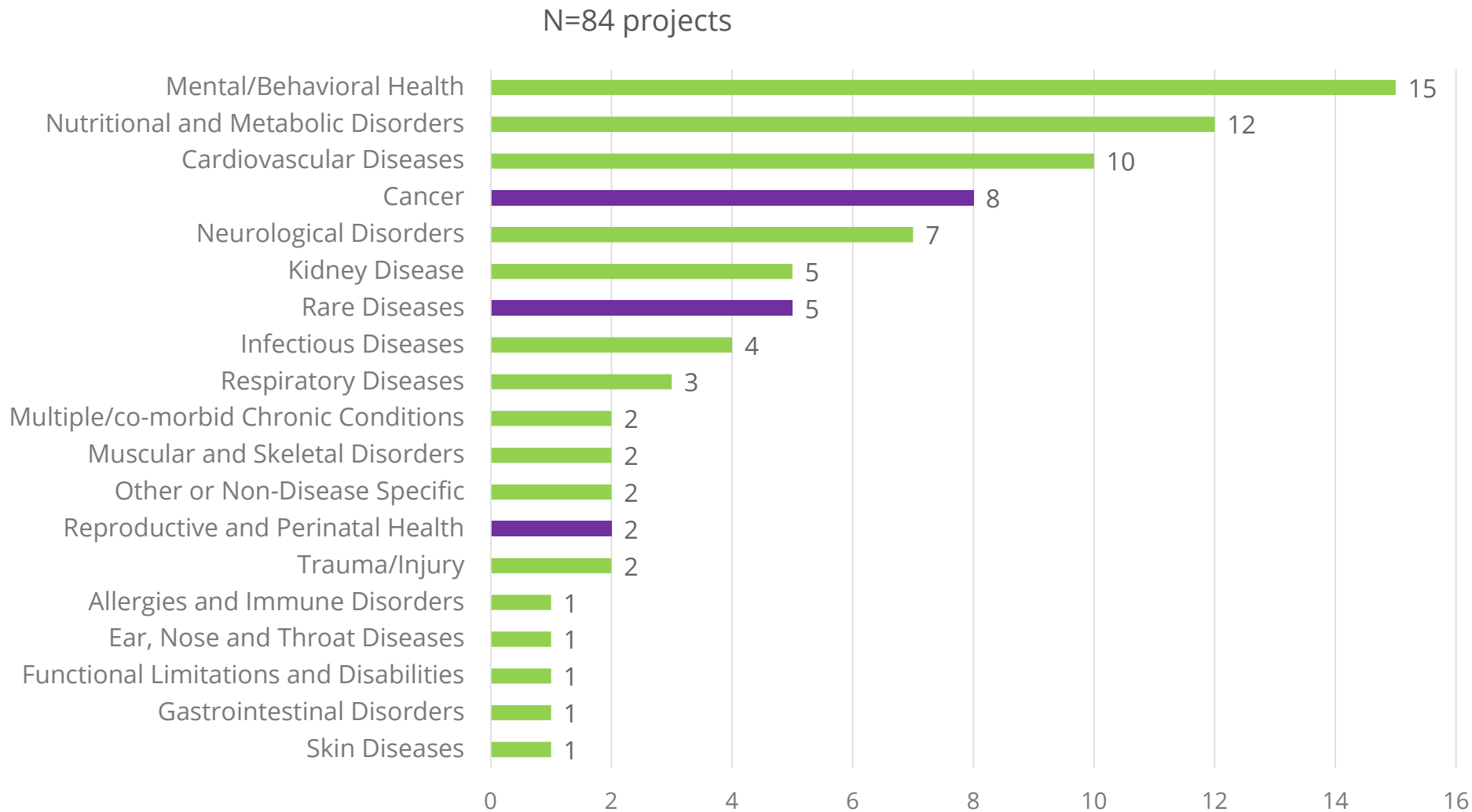
**Nutritional and
Metabolic
Health**



**Cardiovascular
Health**

As of April 2019

Number of Telehealth Projects by Primary Disease/Condition



Cancer



Rare Disease



Reproductive and Perinatal Health

As of April 2019

A Focus on Promoting Self-efficacy and Knowledge

Purpose of telehealth intervention

PROMOTE SELF MANAGEMENT



EDUCATE



ADDRESS DISPARITIES



IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY
AND SPECIALITY CARE



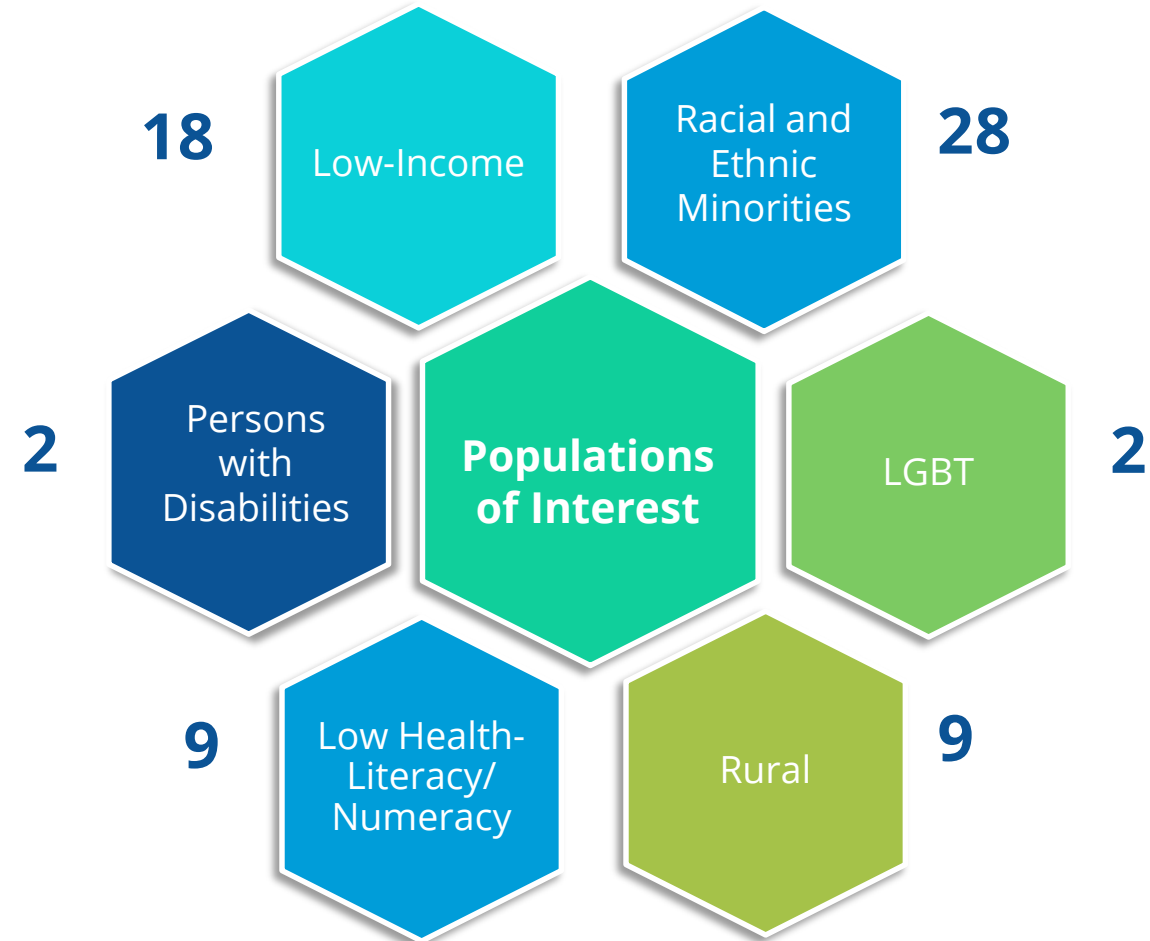
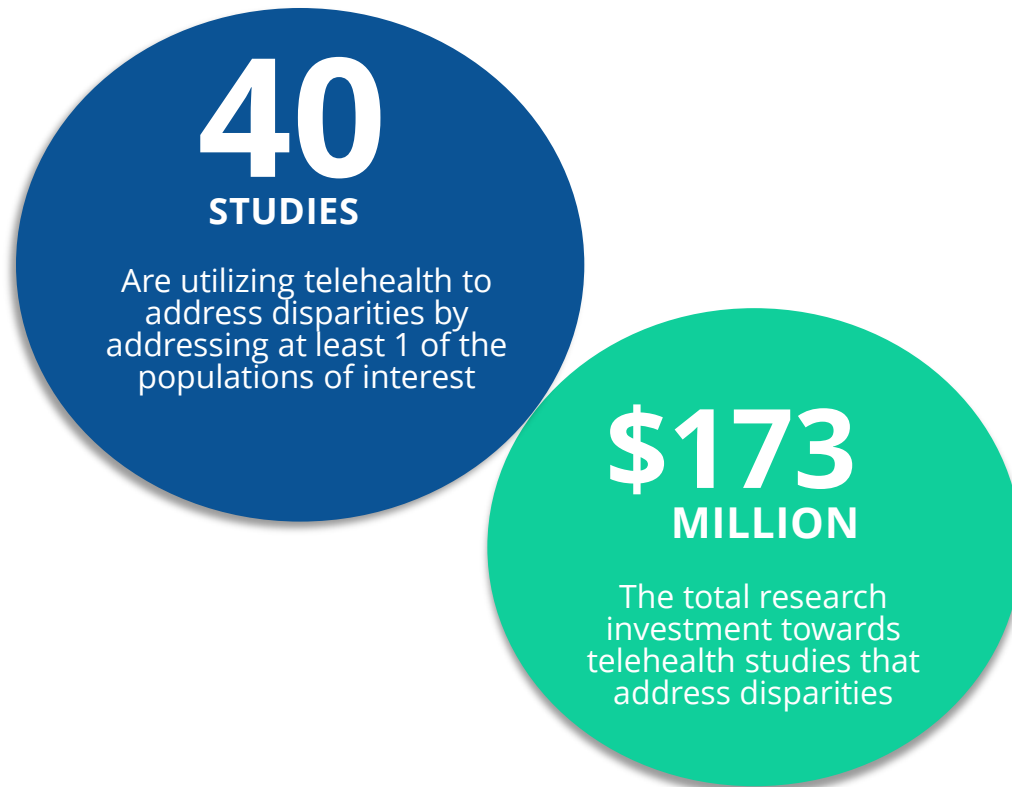
REMOTE MONITORING



*Projects may be classified
as more than one type.*

As of April 2019.

Our Telehealth Projects Target Underserved Populations



*N=40, as of April 2019.
Categories are not mutually exclusive*

What Telehealth Modalities Are Included?

PCORI telehealth projects incorporate diverse modalities



Mobile phones or tablets
56 Studies
(22 use tailored messaging)



Remote monitoring through
wireless devices
17 Studies



Store and forward
6 Studies



Interactive live video
31 Studies



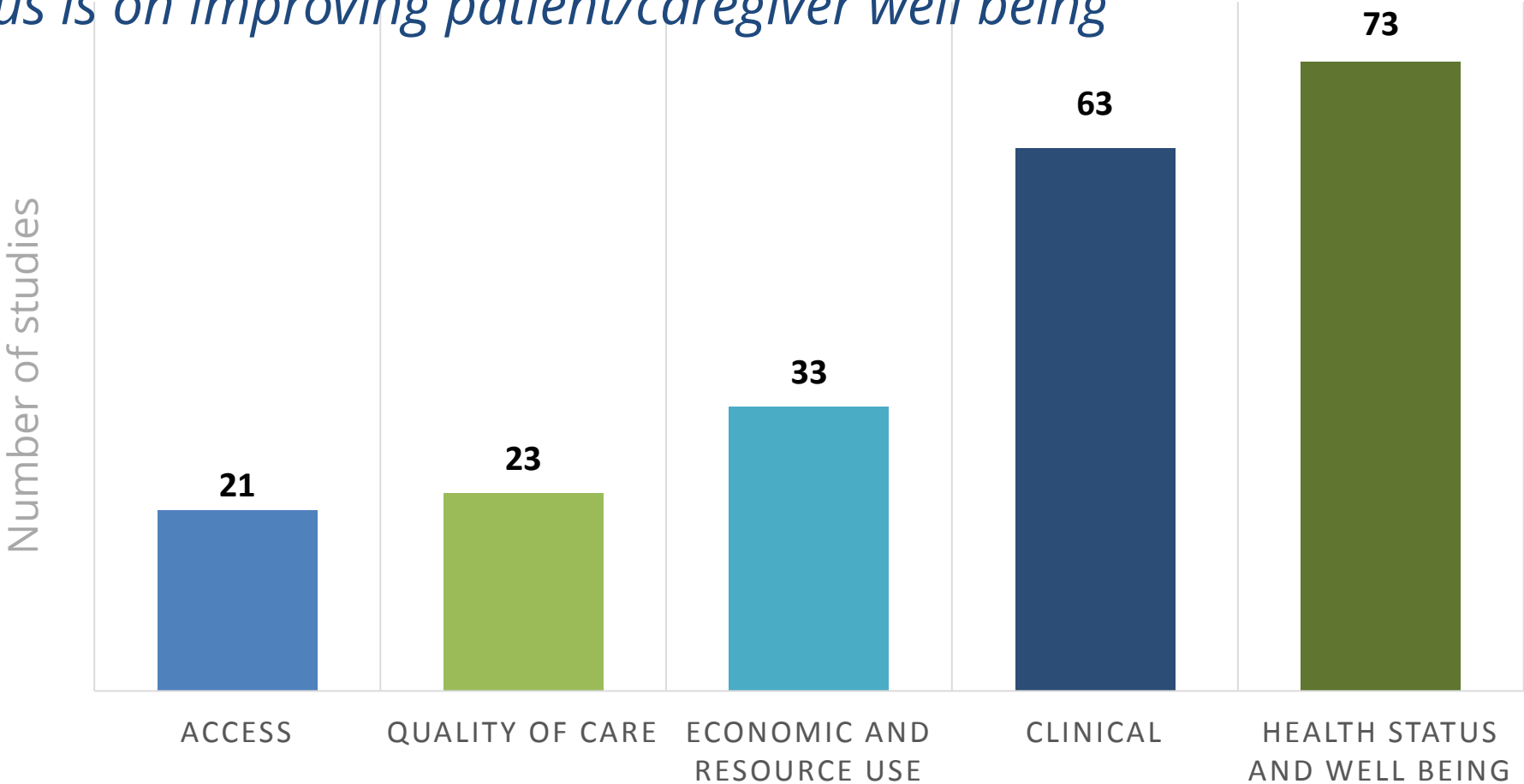
Web portals (accessed
through multiple
devices)
62 Studies

*Categories are not
mutually exclusive*

Outcomes for Telehealth Studies



The focus is on improving patient/caregiver well being



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Framework adapted from: Edmunds et al. An Emergent Research and Policy Framework for Telehealth. *eGems* 2017; 5(2): available at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5389433/>

Using Technology to Deliver Multidisciplinary Care To Individuals With Parkinson's Disease In Their Home

What This Study Did

- Evaluated the feasibility, effectiveness, and satisfaction associated with tele-healthcare visits for patients with Parkinson's Disease

Design

- RCT (200 patients)
- 20 sites in 16 states

Key Findings

- Telehealth was feasible
- High levels of satisfaction
- No differences in quality of life, quality of care, or caregiver strain for telehealth versus control

Engagement

- Parkinson's Foundation, patient advisory board members, and steering committee



Earl Ray Dorsey, MD, MBA
University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Dorsey et al., National randomized controlled trial of virtual house calls for Parkinson's Disease. *Neurology*. 2017; 89(11):1152-1161.

Study Aims

- Expand intervention to include multidisciplinary care and address comorbid conditions (anxiety, depression, dementia)
- Implement the intervention through a funded statewide (NY) telemedicine program that will provide care to 500+ individuals with Parkinson's disease

What This Study Does

- Expands reach to rural areas, racial/ethnic minorities, low income, elderly
- Builds national capacity (training neurologists and allied healthcare workers in telehealth and comorbid disease management)

Engagement

- Patients and caregivers, Parkinson Disease Care NY, Finger Lake Health Systems Agency, local home health care, nursing homes in upstate NY
- International Parkinson and Movement Disorders Society, American Academy of Neurology, American Telemedicine Association, West Health Institute, Michael J Fox Foundation/Parkinson's Action Network



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Network Goals

- Patient engagement, community integration and education
- Healthcare decisionmaking
- Research opportunities
- Personal longitudinal health and healthcare tracking

Membership

- 18,261 adult patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively referred to as inflammatory bowel disease

mHealth Component

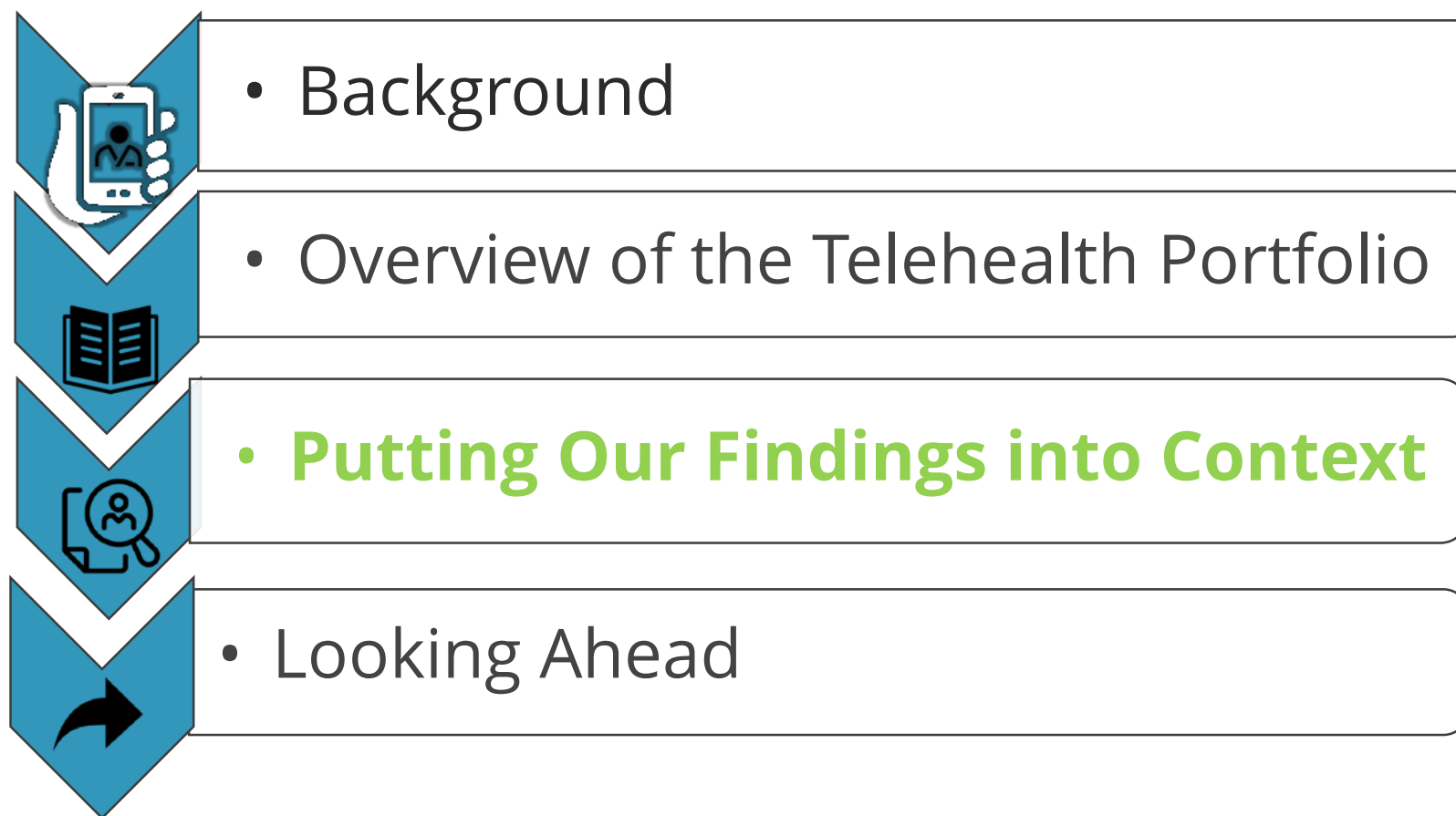
- Incorporation of data imported from mHealth apps and wearable devices
- Captures patient-generated data for research



The University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill

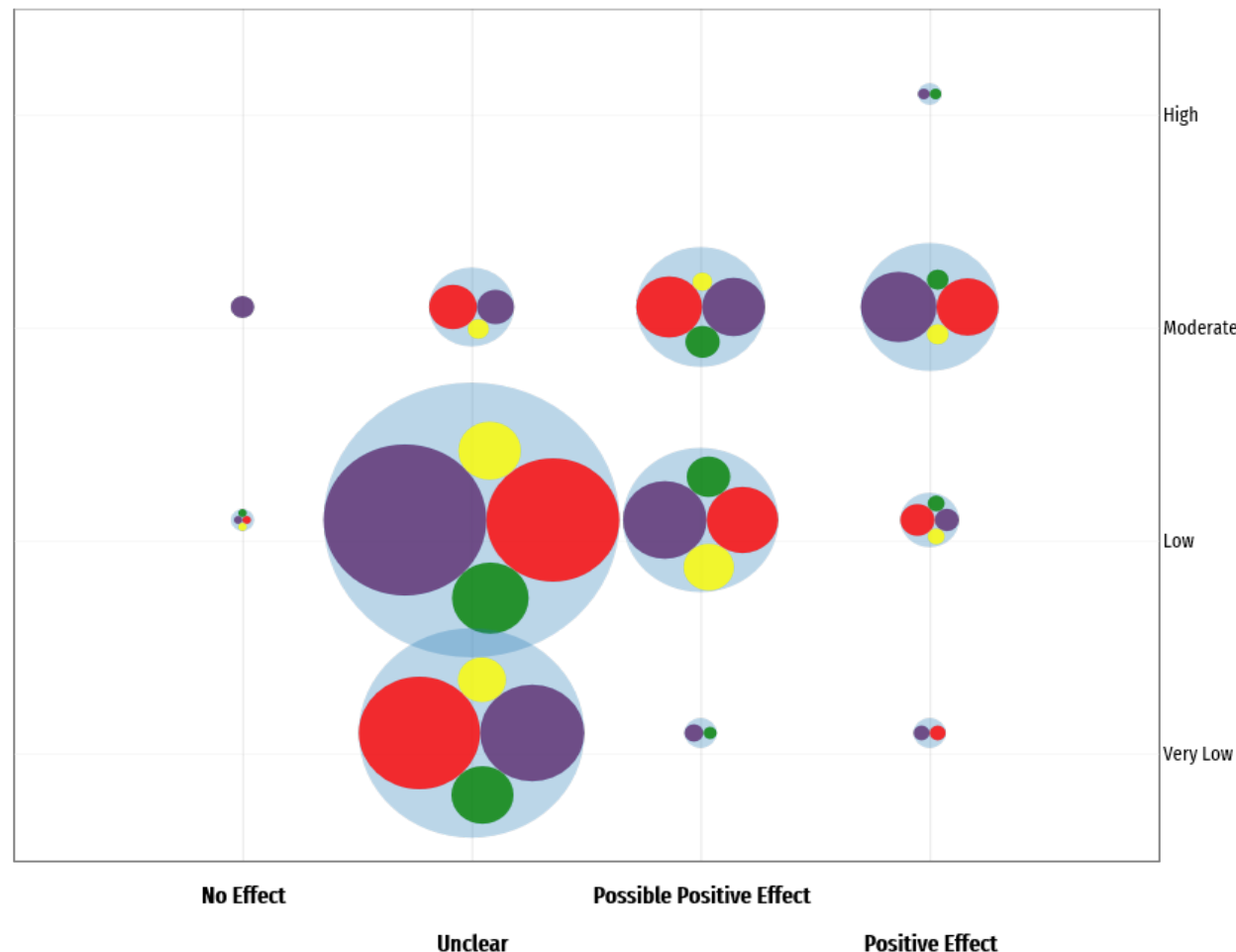
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

PI: Michael Kappelman, MD, MPH



Evidence Map on mHealth for Self-Management of Chronic Disease

<https://www.pcori.org/evidence-maps/results-strength-evidence-mHealth-systematic-reviews-1>



482 Systematic Reviews Full
Text Review
(2010 – 2017)

99 Included Assessing
Strength of Evidence

19 PCORI Studies

- Gaps being addressed:
- Vulnerable populations
 - Pediatric populations
 - Measuring patient-centered outcomes

Advancing the State of Evidence for Decisionmakers About Telehealth

PCORI Stakeholder Workshop (May 24, 2018)



Key message: patient/clinician experience and context are critical

- Need to understand long-term adherence
 - Patient and provider experience that contributes to adoption/lack of interest and sustained use or discontinuation
 - Tracking use and outcomes beyond the study period
- Report out contextual factors that make the telehealth component work
 - Type of support personnel needed
 - How they interact with the care team
 - Type of training needed
 - Requirements for integration with the EHR

Included 22 participants representing patients, clinicians, payers, health systems, policymakers, and telehealth advocacy



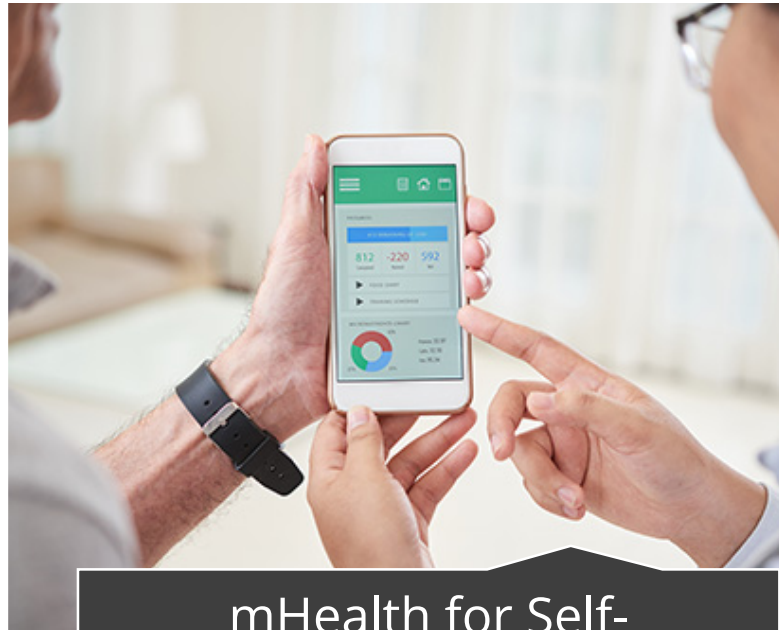
Establishing Investigator Communities

Number of studies=36



Addressing Disparities

Number of studies=29



mHealth for Self-
Management of Chronic
Disease

Number of studies=15



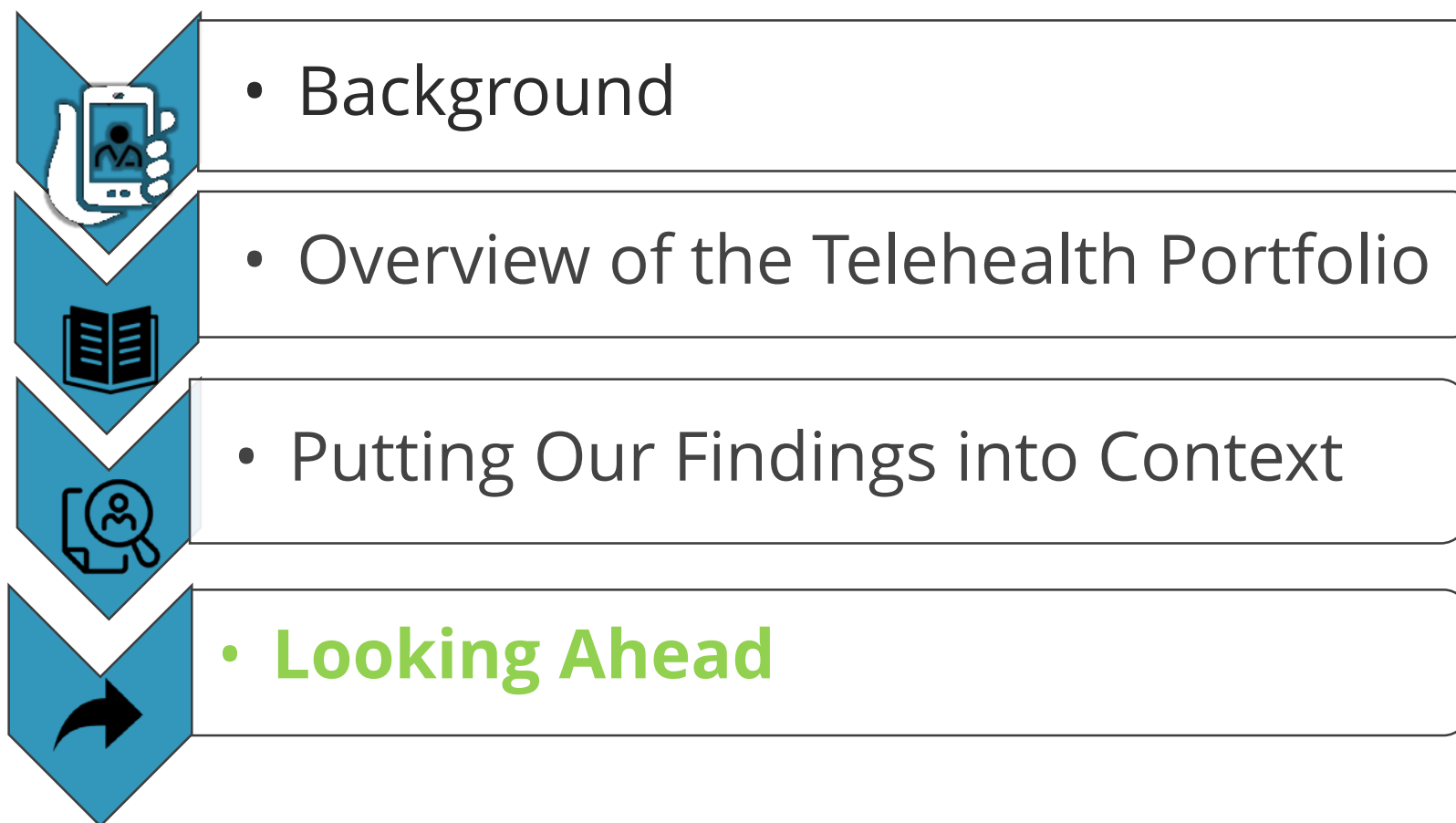
Challenges of Implementing
Multi-site Telemedicine
Trials

Engagement Award:

Community-Driven Evidence Dissemination



- [Disseminating PCOR on Telehealth to State Health Policymakers to Maximize its Relevance & Impact](#)
 - National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)
- NASHP is convening an interbranch, interagency workgroup of state health policy makers to disseminate PCOR findings on telehealth and explore in depth the policy and contextual issues affecting implementation
 - Create opportunities for policymakers to learn directly from their peers' experiences implementing telehealth
 - Share the necessary contextual information for policymakers to most effectively understand, and when appropriate, to implement actionable telehealth research
- Deliverables include an in-person convening at the NASHP 2019 Annual Conference, four posts on the NASHP blog, a topic brief, and a webinar
 - All promoted via NASHP's newsletter



Remaining Gaps

- Head-to-head trials of mobile apps (Veazie et al., 2018)
- Cancer treatment (not symptom management) (Totten et al., 2016)
- Maternal and child health (Totten et al., 2016)
- Children and adolescents; Management of serious pediatric conditions (Totten et al., 2016; Reston et al., 2018)



Sources:

Reston et al. PCORI Evidence Map: The Impact of mHealth for Self-Management of Chronic Disease on Patient-Centered Outcomes. ECRI Institute–Penn Medicine Evidence Based Practice Center. 2018.

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BREAK

We will return at 11:30 am ET



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PCORnet: Implementing a Common Linkage Method

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Identifying a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet

History & Evolution of Linkage



- **August 2016:** Long history of seeking to obtain more complete data in PCORnet given the enormous value add when several disparate sources of data can be linked together at the level of an individual participant in a secure and private way, called privacy-preserving record linkage (PPRL)
- **August 2018:** Over time PCORnet community realized the need for more efficient, privacy-preserving approach to record linkage in lieu of the many one-off linkages conducted on a project by project basis
- **October 2018:**
 - PCORI Approved FY2019 Commitment Plan: \$10M for infrastructure to support integration and linkage of additional sources of data in PCORnet
 - PCORnet community set out to identify a Common Linkage Method (PPRL) that all partners use to perform their linkages
- **December 2018-March 2019:** A robust search and review process identified a vendor and an approach to supply the Common Linkage Method for all networks and all projects
- **April 2019:** The PCORI RTC recommends that the Board approve the use of up to \$2.0M in funds to implement a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet

Implementing a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet:

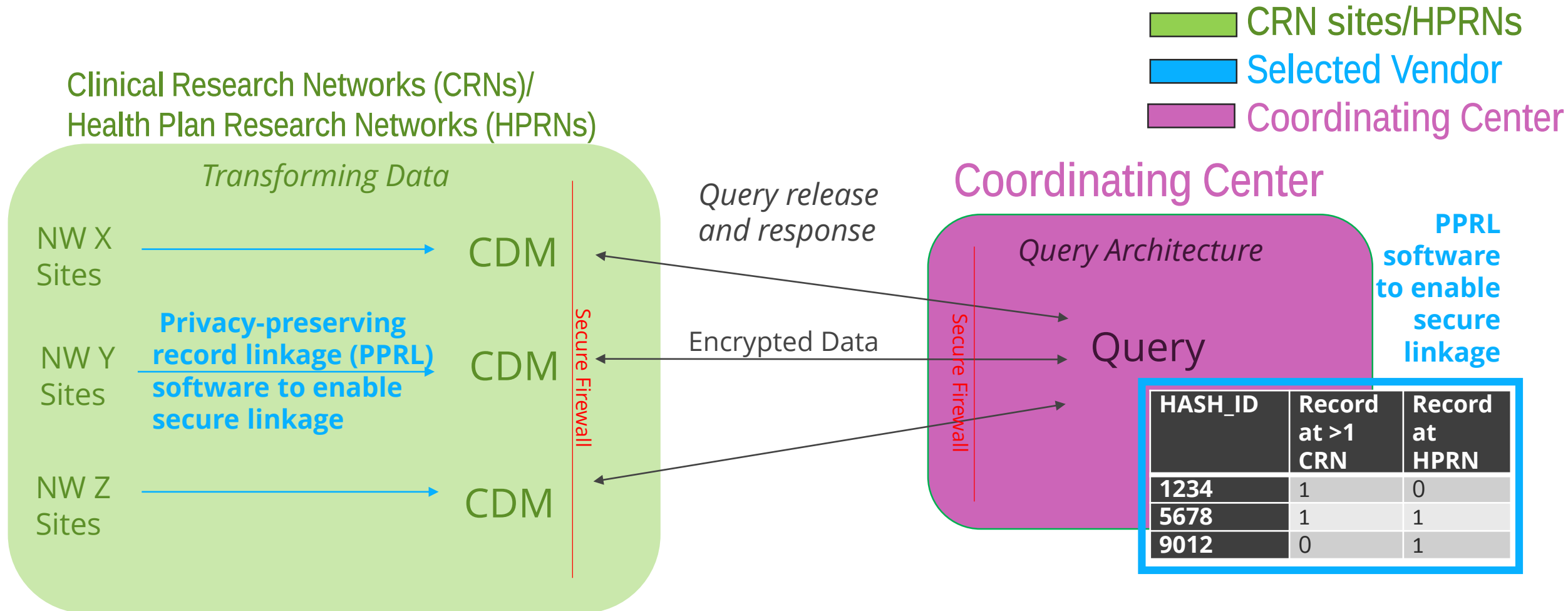
Who plays a role in implementation of the linkage method and what will each entity do?



Networks/Sites	Selected Vendor	Coordinating Center (CC)
Clinical Research Network (CRN) Sites & Health Plan Research Networks (HPRNs) Expand/amend existing infrastructure: • Common Data Model (CDM) • IRB approvals • Data Sharing/Use Agreement Integration (DSUA)	Contract pending Remote implementation of software: • CRN/HPRNs & DCRI/HPHCI • Enables privacy –preserving record linkage • Functions take place behind each institutions firewall and encrypt all information necessary to ensure privacy Ongoing technical support	Duke (DCRI) & Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Institute (HPHCI) Expand existing infrastructure and develop <u>new</u> approaches: • Queries • Query architecture

Implementing a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet:

Linkage in Action: Overlap Analysis



Implementing a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet: What is the estimated budget?



- **Approved FY2019 Commitment Plan** included the use of \$10M to enhance the **integration and linkage of additional sources of data in PCORnet** and/or support network expansion
- **Implementation of a Common Linkage Method** in PCORnet would significantly **increase the capacity to readily link disparate sources of data** (e.g., claims data) for use in future PCORnet studies
- Request approval for **up to \$2.0M** in funds to support the activities needed to **implement a Common Linkage Method in PCORnet**

APPROVED FY2019 PCORnet Commitment Plan	
Activity	Amount
FY2019 Health Plans and/or Additional Data Networks	\$10.0M
Common Linkage Method Implementation	(up to \$2.0M)
FY2019 Health Plan and/or Additional Data Networks (Balance)	\$8.0M

Board Vote

Call for a Motion to:

- **Approve** up to \$2 million to fund infrastructure development for implementation of a common linkage method in PCORnet.

Call for the Motion to be Seconded:

- **Second** the Motion
- If further discussion, may propose an **Amendment** to the Motion or an **Alternative** Motion

Roll Call Vote:

- Vote to **Approve** the **Final** Motion
- Ask for votes in favor, opposed, and abstentions

*Dissemination & Implementation of Findings from
PCORI-Funded Research*

Personalizing Treatment: Realizing the
Benefits of Diabetes Risk Prediction

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PCORI's Mandate



*“The purpose of the Institute is to assist patients, clinicians, purchasers, and policy-makers in making informed health decisions by advancing the quality and relevance of evidence concerning the manner in which diseases, disorders, and other health conditions can effectively and appropriately be prevented, diagnosed, treated, monitored, and managed **through research** and evidence synthesis...*

*... **and the dissemination of research findings** with respect to the relative health outcomes, clinical effectiveness, and appropriateness of the medical treatments, services...”*

— from PCORI’s authorizing legislation



PCORI's Dissemination & Implementation Program

- The D&I Program is charged with heightening awareness of the results of PCORI-funded research, and with **advancing efforts to put these findings into practice to improve healthcare delivery and health outcomes.**
 - Transparent reporting and public release of findings
 - Increasing awareness of these findings among the “right people”
 - Promoting systems for doctors, patients, and others to use the evidence to help with real life decisions and improve care



Snapshot of Funded D&I Awards

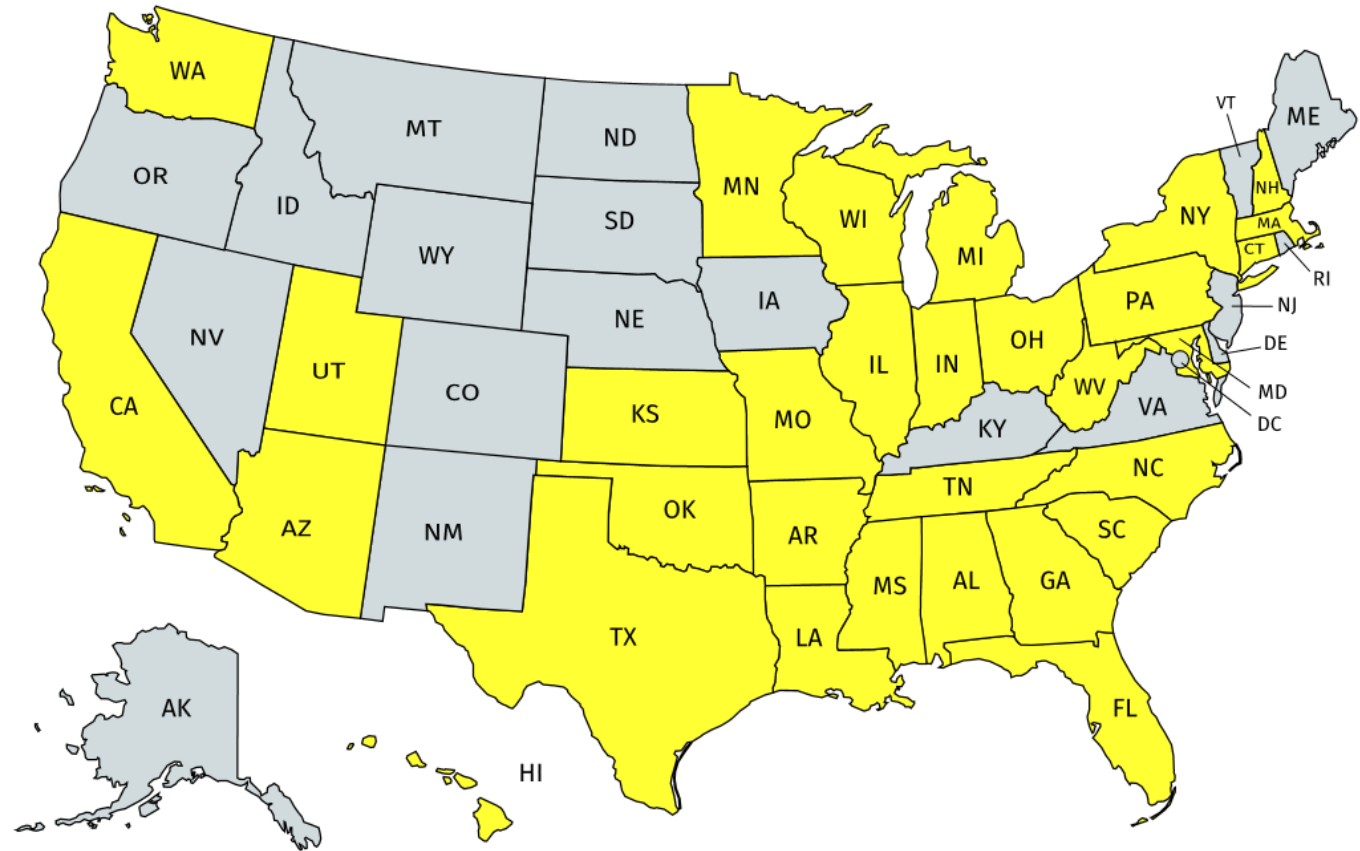
Completed Funding Cycles: 10

Funded Awards: 25

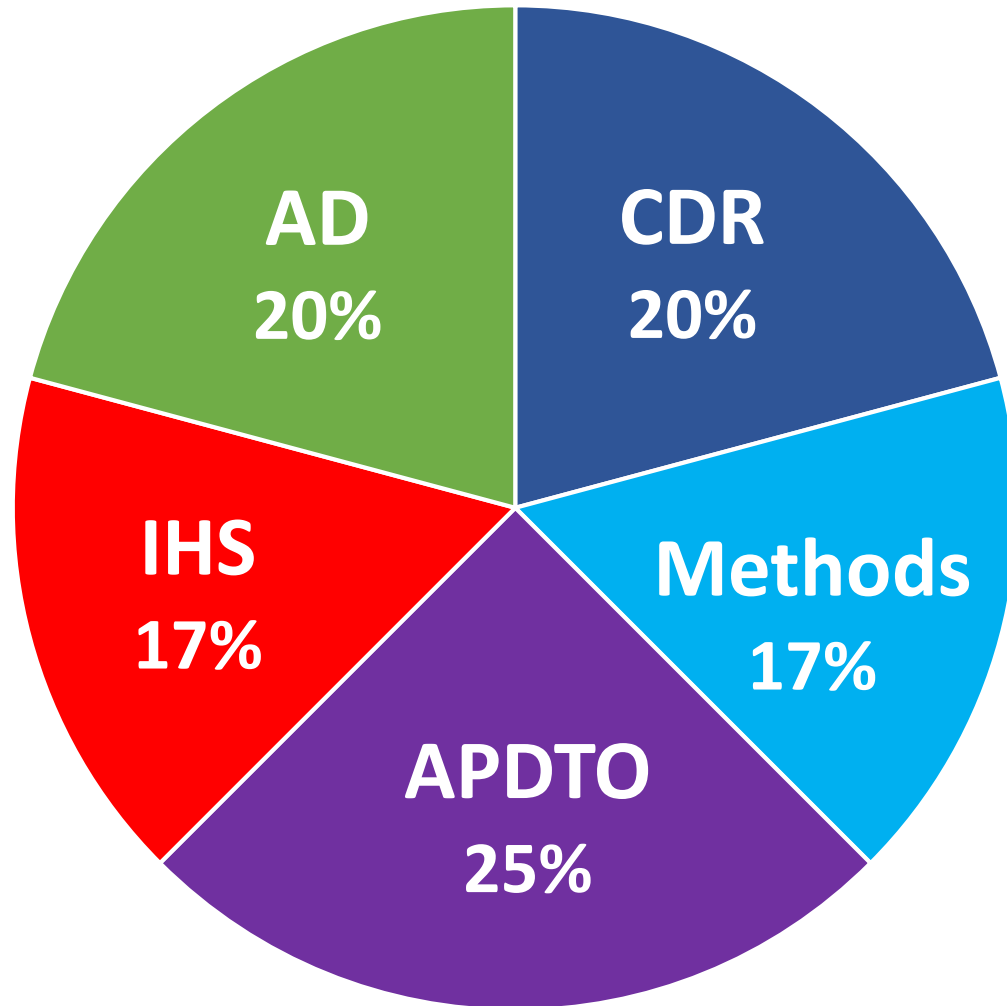
Total PCORI investment: \$29M

Project budgets: \$500K to \$2.2M

Implementation Sites: in 32 states



D&I Awards by Priority Area for the Original PCORI-Funded Research



- Communication and Dissemination Research
- Addressing Disparities
- Methods/Pilots
- Assessment, Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options
- Improving Healthcare Systems

PCORI D&I Program Funding Initiatives



Goal: To facilitate the uptake and integration of evidence from PCORI-funded studies into real-world practice, in the context of other relevant evidence

- **Limited Competition: Implementation of PCORI-Funded PCOR Results PFA**
 - Provides PCORI investigator teams the opportunity to propose next steps to put their findings into practice (up to \$1M in direct costs per project)
- **Implementation of Effective Shared Decision Making Approaches in Practice Settings PFA**
 - Promotes the implementation and systematic uptake of shared decision making in practice settings (up to \$1.5M in total costs per project)
- **Implementation of Findings from PCORI's Major Research Investments PFA**
 - Provides a broad applicant pool the opportunity to propose strategies to put evidence from specific, high-priority PCORI initiatives into practice, in the context of related evidence (up to \$2.5M in total costs per project)

Improving Diabetes Prevention Based on Predicted Benefits of Treatment (PI: David Kent, MD; Tufts Medical Center)

PCORI STUDY:

- Analyzed individual patient data from 32 studies, including the 2002 Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Study, to see how treatments affected different groups of people.



BMJ 2015;350:h454 doi: 10.1136/bmj.h454 (Published 19 February 2015)

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RESEARCH

Improving diabetes prevention with benefit based tailored treatment: risk based reanalysis of Diabetes Prevention Program



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Pre-diabetes affects ~84M people in the United States.

In practice-based screening, for every person with a result in the diabetes range, 6 people are identified with pre-diabetes.

STUDY FOUND:

- Risk of developing diabetes varied dramatically across patients.
- Low-risk patients showed little benefit from intensive lifestyle modification or taking metformin; high-risk patients showed significant benefit from these interventions.

D&I PROJECT: (in progress)

- Incorporate the prediction model into clinical workflow in the EHR, so it can be used in shared decisions
- Partner with the American Medical Group Association to implement the EHR tool in 50 clinic sites at Mercy (St. Louis) and Premier Medical Associates (Pittsburgh)

Personalized Treatment: Realizing the Benefits of Diabetes Risk Prediction



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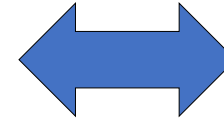
American Medical Group Association



Advocate

Volume → Value

Align payment incentives
with population health



Educate
Innovate

Help members redesign
their delivery systems
to manage population health

AMGA – 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association

AMGA Foundation – 501(c)(3)

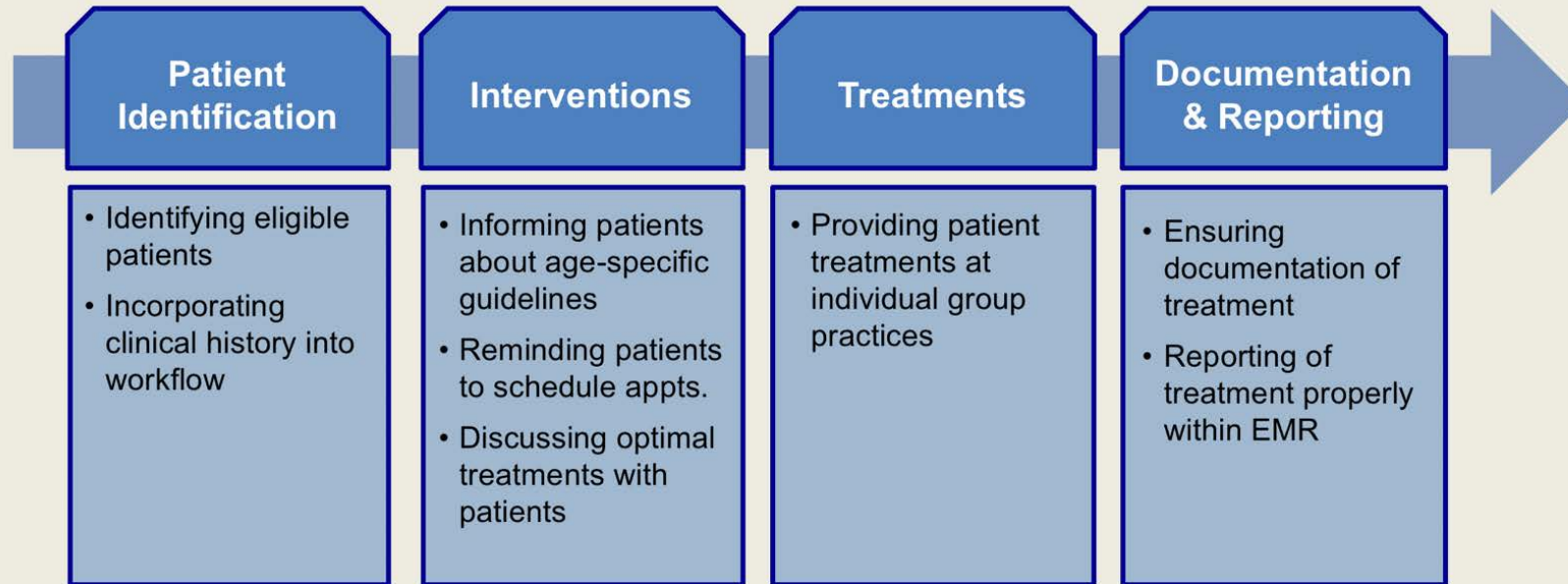
Some AMGA Members



Translation Is a Simple, Linear Process (Not!)

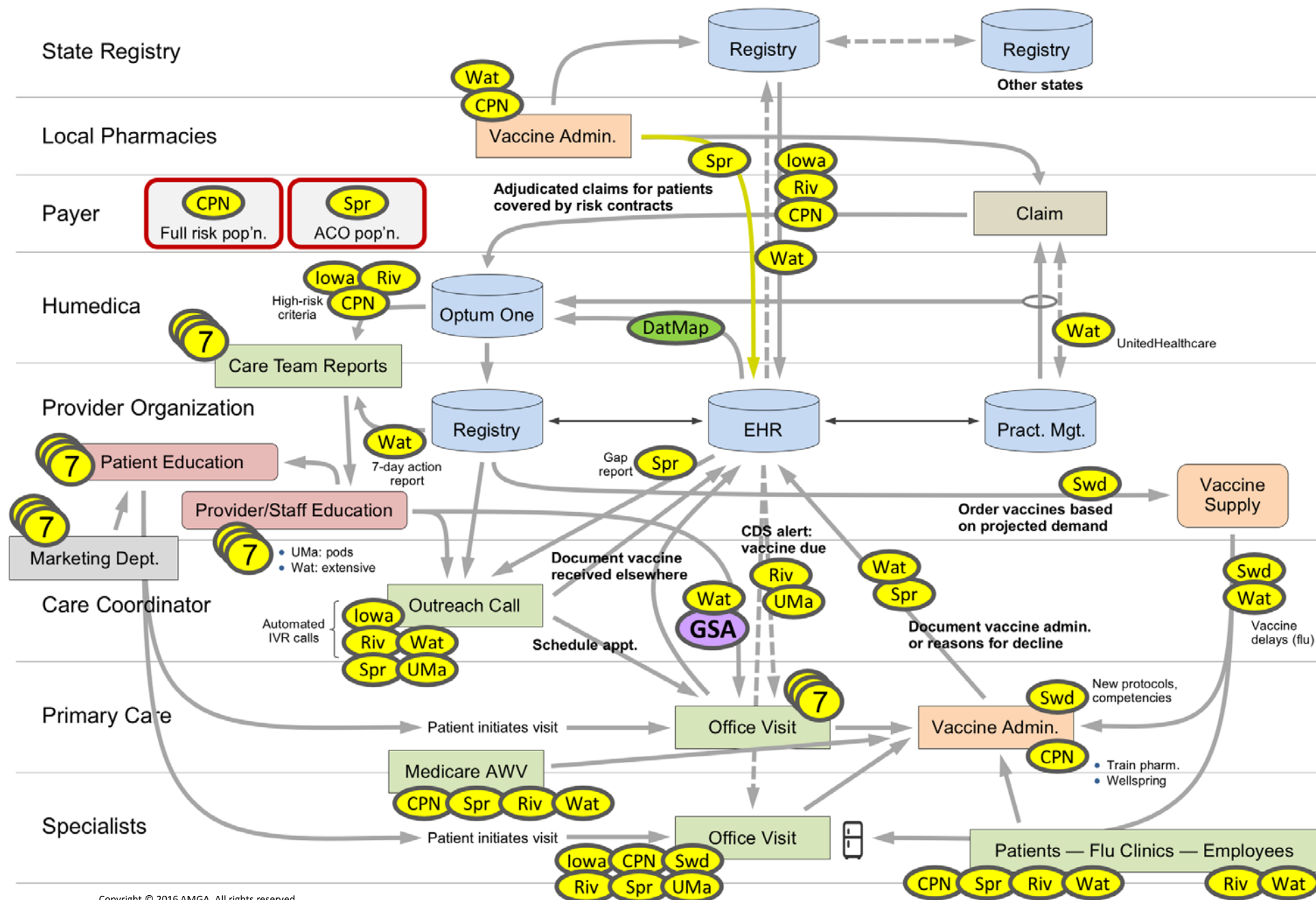
Program Redesign: Areas of Focus

Program will identify optimal and efficient ways to overcome challenges in a clinical care settings, from identification of eligible patients to proper reporting.

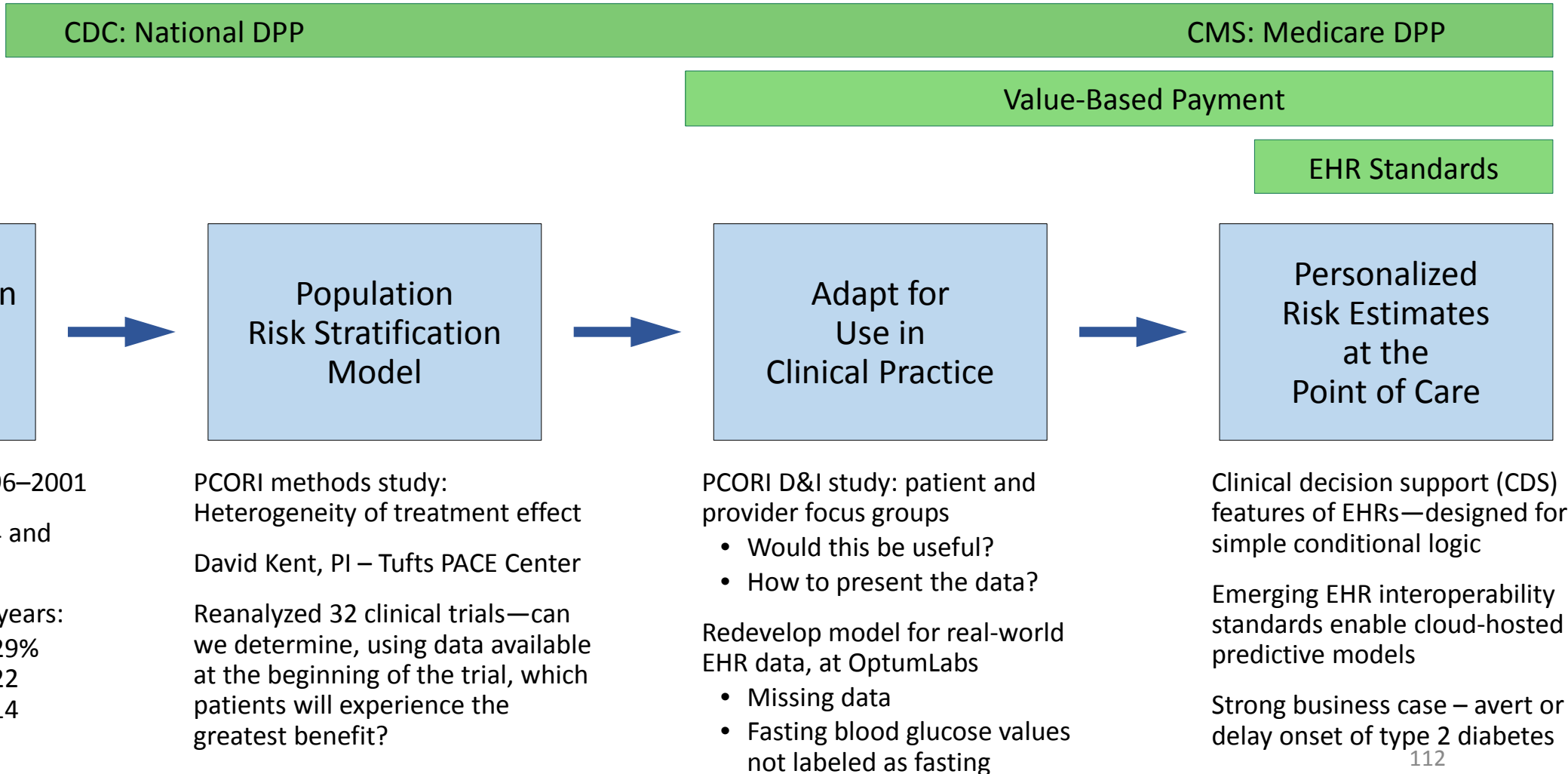


Immunization Data/Process Flow

version 0.98
12/8/2015



Overview



AMGA Foundation: National Diabetes Campaign

Together2Goal[®]

Improve care for
1 million people with
type 2 diabetes
by 2021



AMGA Foundation: National Diabetes Campaign

Together2Goal®

Results after Year 2

763,000 patients, aged 18–79, with improved care

2/3 with net improvement in control on campaign measures

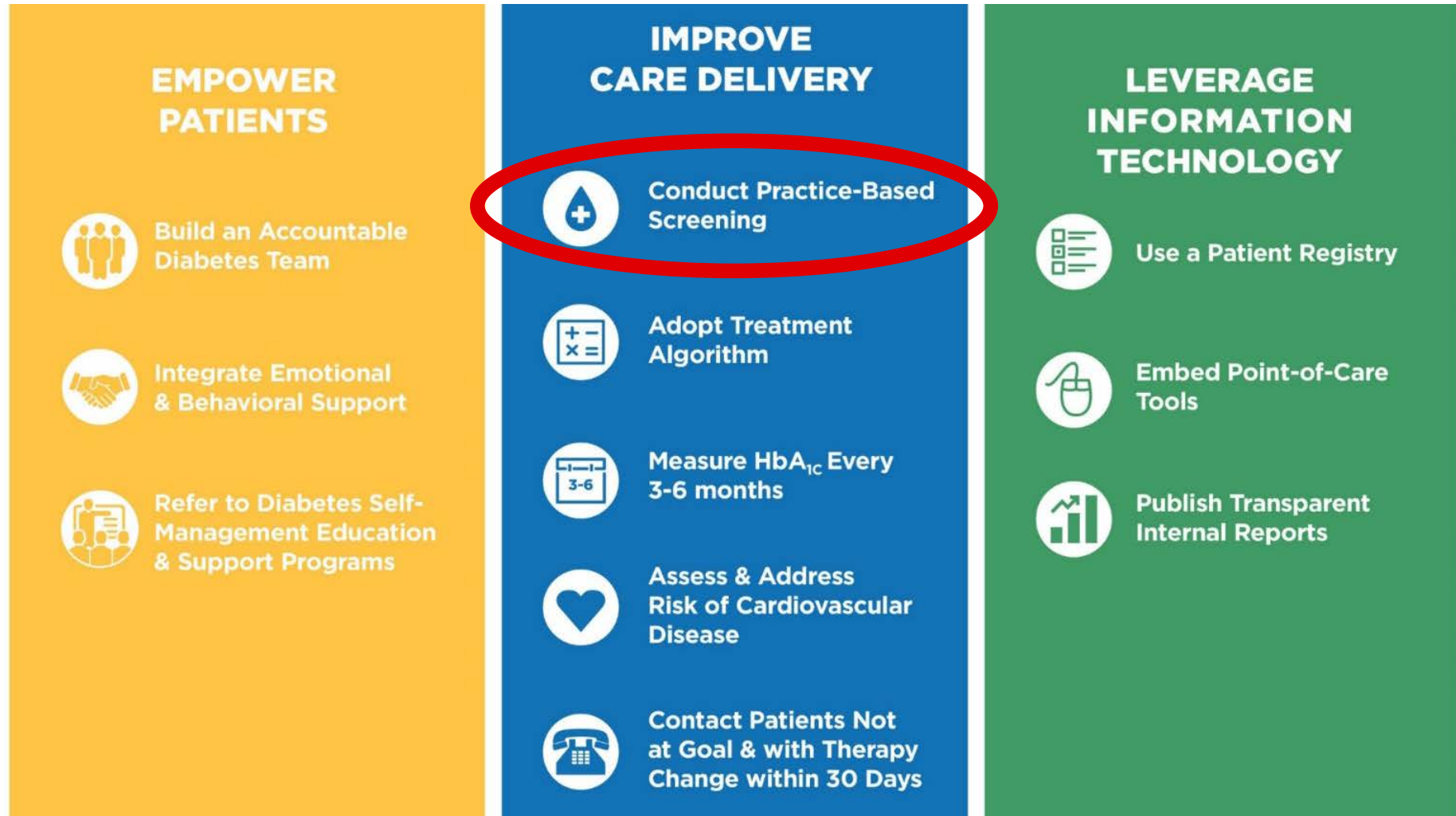
1/3 have new Dx—identified through screening

319,000 additional patients with sustained control on the bundle measure



Year 2 ended 2018 Q1

AMGA Foundation: National Diabetes Campaign



Together 2 Goal Launch: Member Survey



Which planks will you adopt?
Which will you not adopt?

31% said they *wouldn't* focus on screening.

They are already overwhelmed by
the number of patients with type 2 diabetes
...let alone prediabetes!

What Is Prediabetes?

Elevated blood sugar, but not high enough to indicate diabetes

- Fasting plasma glucose 100–125 mg/dL
- HbA1c 5.7–6.4 percent
- Oral glucose tolerance test, 2 hr 140–199 mg/dL

Elevated risk of progression to diabetes over 3 years—from DPP study

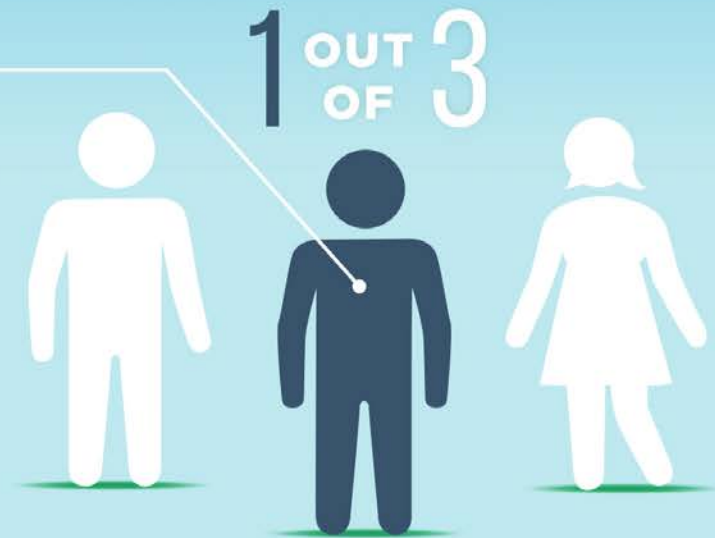
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PREDIABETES

COULD IT
BE YOU?

84.1
MILLION

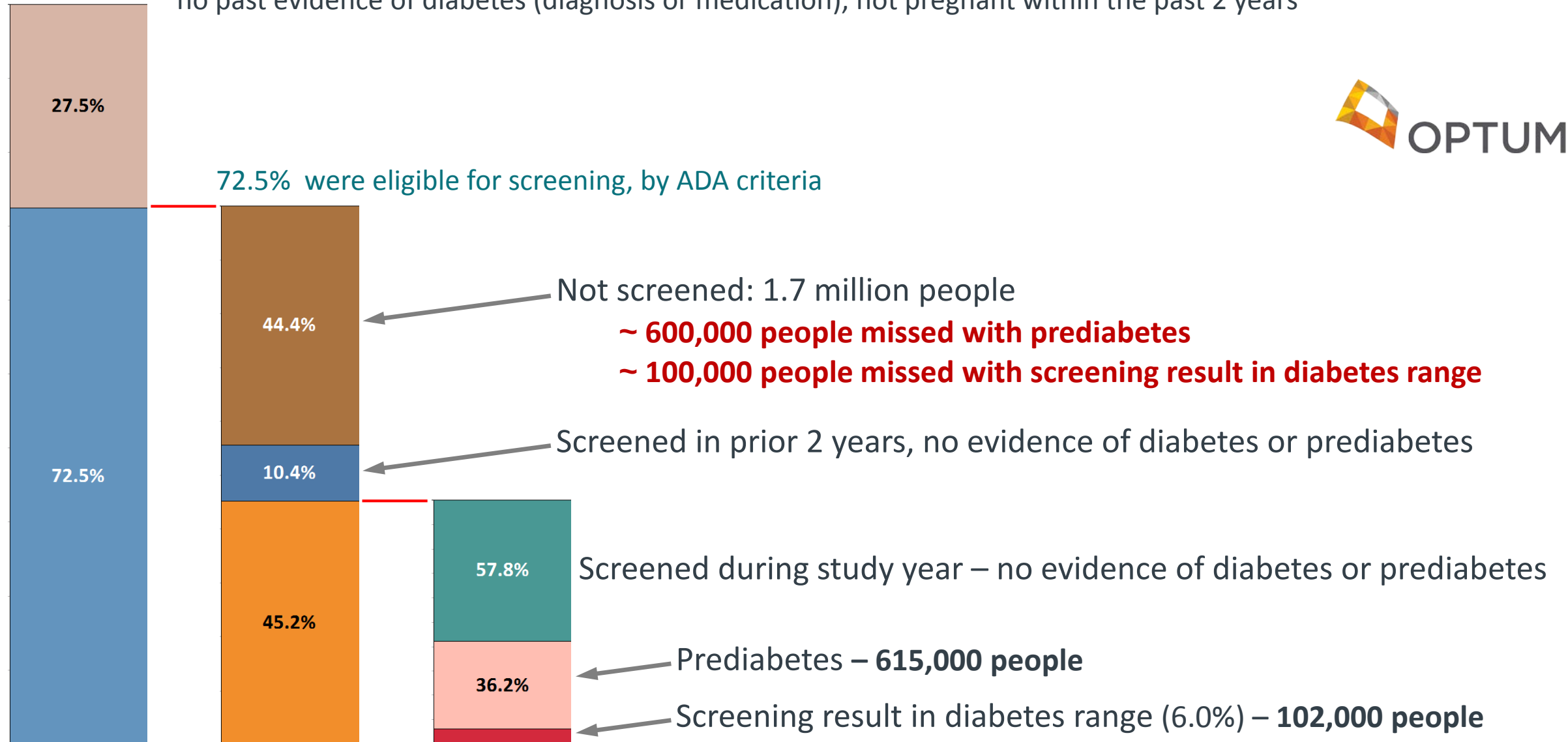
84.1 million
American adults —
more than
1 out of 3 — have
prediabetes



9 OUT OF **10**

people with prediabetes
don't know they have it

5.1 million patients, 18–75, across 23 AMGA member organizations using Optum population health analytics
≥ 1 ambulatory visit with a PCP, endocrinologist, cardiologist, or nephrologist, July 2016 – June 2017,
no past evidence of diabetes (diagnosis or medication), not pregnant within the past 2 years



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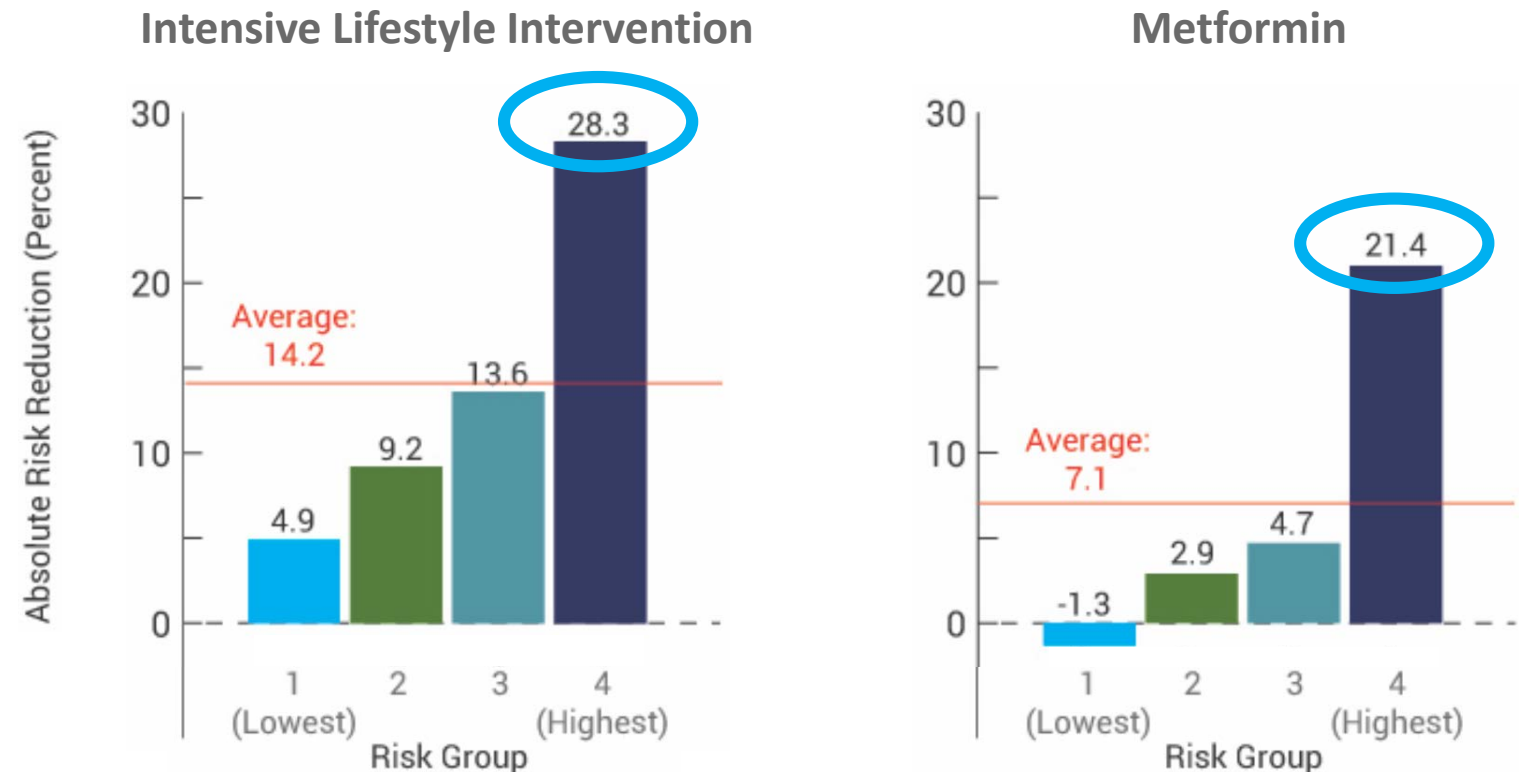
- No intervention (placebo) 28.9% over 3 years
- Taking metformin **absolute risk reduction: 7.1%**
- Intensive lifestyle intervention **absolute risk reduction: 14.2%**

Heterogeneity of Treatment Effect

Quartiles of Risk

Overall risk	29%
4 High	45%
3 Moderate	20
2 Moderate	12
1 Low	7

Absolute Risk Reduction Seen in DPP Study



Will a Predictive Model Be Useful?

Patient focus groups

- Most had family members with type 2 diabetes
- Intensely interested in their own personal risk for developing diabetes
- Quoted the ages at which family members were diagnosed

Provider focus groups

- Want to support/encourage patients—especially for lifestyle program
- Feel overwhelmed—need to prioritize

DPP Lifestyle Intervention

The lifestyle change program provides:



A trained
lifestyle coach



CDC-approved
curriculum



Group
support



16 weekly meetings
with monthly follow-up

Supervised physical activity sessions
Individualized — “toolbox” of adherence strategies
Materials and strategies tailored to address ethnic diversity

Goal is 7% weight loss
Motivational techniques, “restarts”
Medicare now pays for the program

Will a Predictive Model Be Useful?

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- Multi-variable model is a better predictor than any individual parameter
 - In the lowest-risk quartile, about 15% of patients have $A1c \geq 6.0$
 - In the highest-risk quartile, more than 25% of patients have $A1c < 6.0$

Are the Data Elements Available in the EHR?

Model from DPP Study Data

- HbA1c
- Fasting glucose
- Triglycerides
- History of elevated glucose
- Height
- Waist circumference
- Waist:hip ratio

Adapted Model for Use in EHR

- HbA1c
- Fasting glucose
- Triglycerides
- Age
- Gender
- Race
- BMI
- Smoking status
- Systolic blood pressure
- Hypertension diagnosis
- HDL cholesterol (“good cholesterol”)



Both have pre-diabetes. Who is at greatest risk for diabetes?

- 38-year-old female
- BMI 34
- HbA1c 5.8
- Systolic BP 153
- HDL 28
- Smoker?

HIGH RISK

- 44-year-old male
- BMI 22
- HbA1c 6.3
- Systolic BP 121
- HDL 100
- Former Smoker

LOW RISK

Predictive model results
as displayed in EHR at
Premier Medical Associates

Interpretation: Low Risk Patient			
Predicted Risk of Type 2 Diabetes at 3 Years	Treatment	Relative Risk Reduction (RRR)	Number Needed to Treat (NNT)
5.47 %	Usual Care	Reference	N/A
4.38 %	Metformin	20%	91.4
2.30 %	DPP Lifestyle	58%	31.5
Add to Chart			

Interpretation: High Risk Patient			
Predicted Risk of Type 2 Diabetes at 3 Years	Treatment	Relative Risk Reduction (RRR)	Number Needed to Treat (NNT)
55.7 %	Usual Care	Reference	N/A
24.5 %	Metformin	56%	4
23.4 %	DPP Lifestyle	58%	4
Add to Chart			

Premier Medical Associates: May 2018 – Jan 2019

Of the 670 high-risk patients...

11 were On Metformin before 5/1/2018 (6%)

134 were Started on Metformin after 5/1/2018 (19%)

0 were Referred to a DPP before 5/1/2018 (0%)

297 were Referred to a DPP after 5/1/2018 (44%)

Premier Medical Associates: May 2018 – Jan 2019

Risk Level	Action Taken
High	65%
Moderate	18%
Low	4%

During the project, 87 patients were identified as having diabetes, through timely screening

Potential for Cost Savings



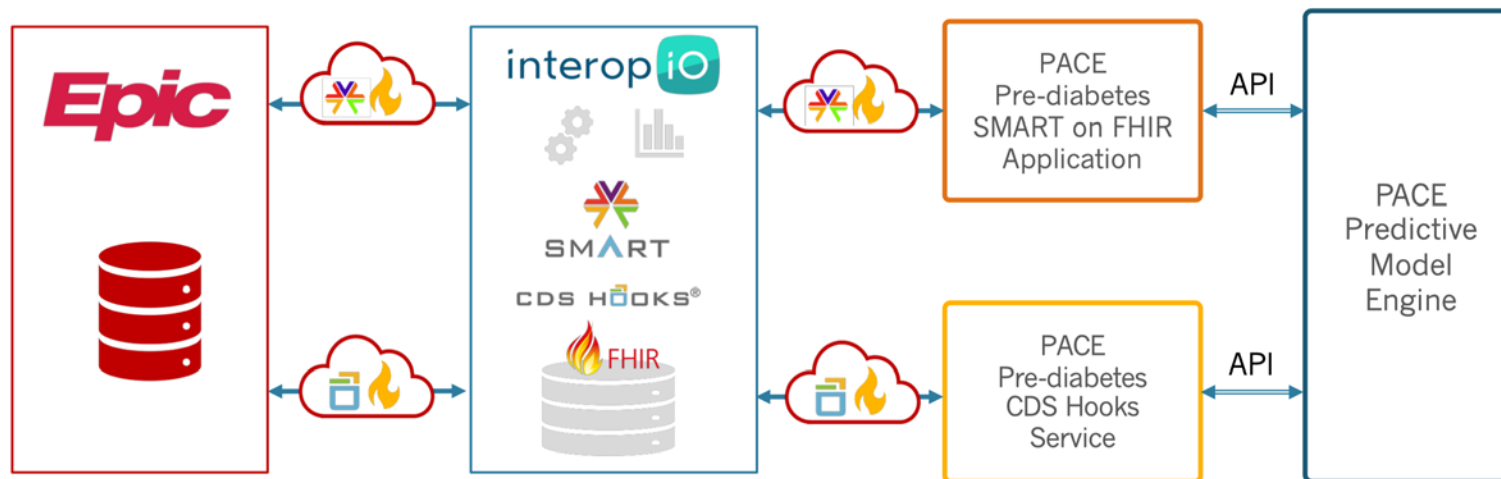
- Intermountain insurance plan saves \$3,500 per person per year that development of diabetes is averted or delayed
 - \$17,500 if diabetes is delayed for 5 years
- CMS Office of the Actuary estimates a savings of \$2,650 over 15 months for Medicare beneficiaries participating in a DPP lifestyle program
- Cost of a DPP lifestyle program ~\$600

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/diabetes/intermountains-prediabetes-effort-signs-10000-plus-patients>

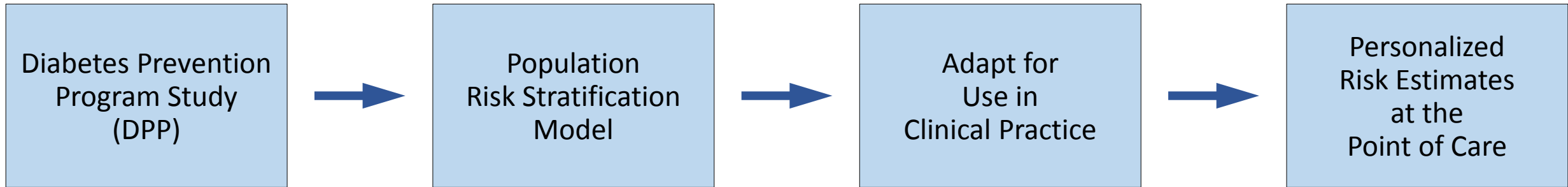
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Personalized Risk Estimates at the Point of Care

- Premier Medical Associates: Calculator add-in for Allscripts EHR
- Mercy
 - Preliminary build using EHR's native clinical decision support logic—manual data entry
 - Alternative to building and validating full model in EHR—cloud-hosted version, using open interoperability standards



Personalized Risk Estimates at the Point of Care



Precision medicine without waiting for genomics

Public Comment Period

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Wrap Up and Adjournment

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