

# Advisory Panel on Rare Disease (RDAP) Virtual Meeting: Winter 2021

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Day 2 - December 14, 2021

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# COI Statement



Welcome to the Rare Disease Advisory Panel Winter 2021 virtual meeting.

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# Day 2 Meeting Agenda



Start Time	Agenda Item	Presenters & Discussion Facilitator
1:00 PM	Welcome and Setting the Stage	Mat Edick, Doug Lindsay
1:05 PM	Monitoring Evidence in Rare Diseases: Health Care Horizon Scanning	Gowri Raman, Doug Lindsay
1:55 PM	BREAK	
2:05 PM	Critical Issues in the Rare Disease Community	Mat Edick
2:50 PM	Acknowledgments and Recap	Mat Edick, Doug Lindsay
3:00 PM	Adjourn	

# Monitoring Evidence in Rare Diseases: Health Care Horizon Scanning

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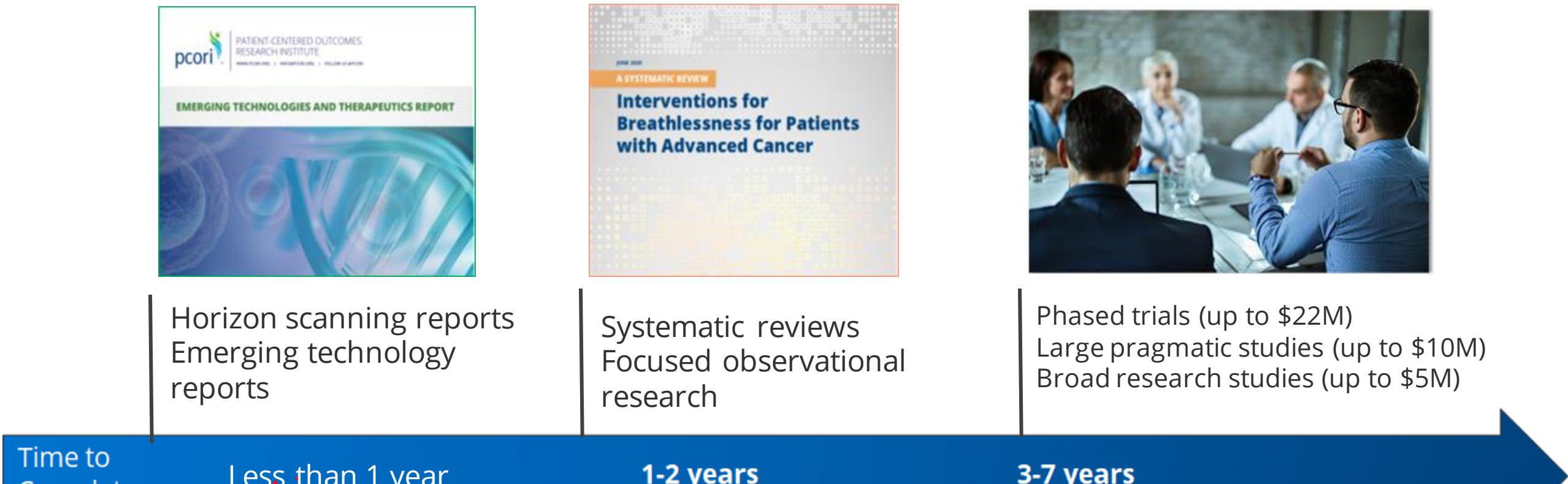


# Objectives



- Overall: To better understand New Technology products to monitor and assess evidence in rare diseases
- Monitor evidence: Health Care Horizon Scanning products
  - Cloud-based Online Database
  - High Potential Disruption Reports
- Assess evidence: Emerging Technologies and Therapeutics Reports

# Evidence Monitoring – Balancing Evidentiary Needs



*D&I and engagement activities occur throughout timeline  
Stakeholders provide input for report and research topics*

# Monitor and Assess Evidence - Short-term



## Health Care Horizon Scanning

- Horizon Scanning of 5 Key Disease Topics
- COVID-19 Supplement

## Emerging Technologies and Therapeutics Reports

- Gene Therapy in Cancer
- Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Care
- Proteomics in Cancer and Cardiovascular Diseases
- Next Generation Genomic Sequencing

# Horizon Scan Products

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Online Database

High Potential Disruption Reports



# Overview of PCORI's Health Care Horizon Scanning System (HCHSS)



- Description: Early detection system identifying potentially disruptive health care innovations expected to be clinically available in the U.S. within three years
- Purpose: Helps PCORI make decisions about future research investments and serves as a resource for the public and research community
- Six Focus Areas
  - Cancer
  - Cardiovascular Diseases
  - Mental and Behavioral Health
  - Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
  - Rare Diseases
  - COVID-19

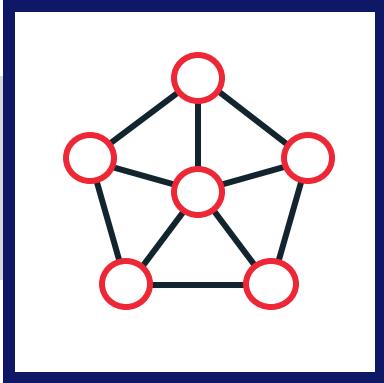
# What's Horizon Scanning



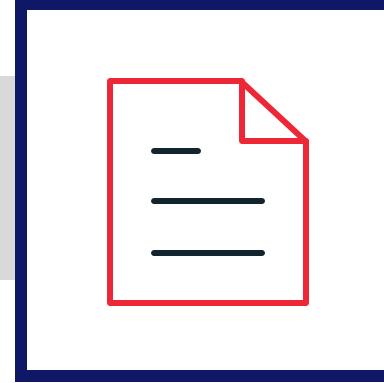
- Identify and monitor before entering the market.
- Highest potential for disruption to the current standard of care
- With an objective to help a range of stakeholders including PCORI, payers, patients, clinicians, researchers and others

# Horizon Scanning

- **Overview of PCORI's HCHSS: Stakeholder Involvement**



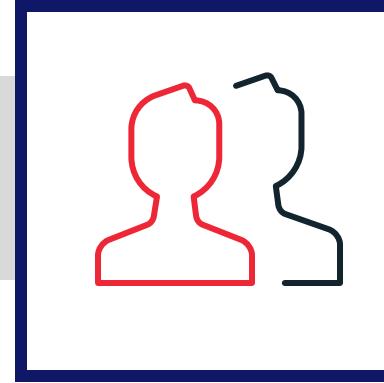
Hallmark of HCHSS is the inclusion of patient and caregiver perspectives in addition to clinical, health systems, and research perspectives.



Stakeholders review brief reports and provide feedback based on personal experience and knowledge.

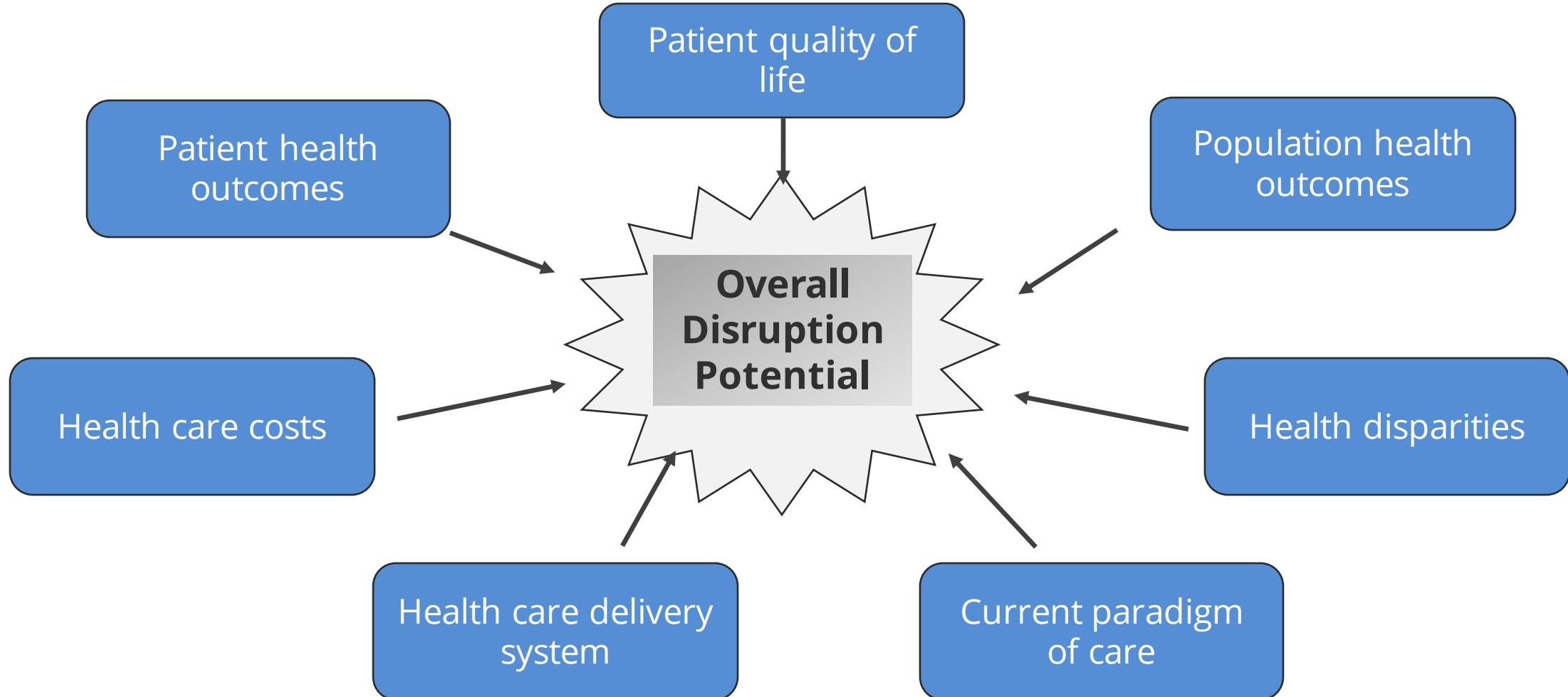


Comments help determine which health care innovations have the highest disruption potential and drive the selection of topics included in a report published twice a year.



Stakeholders also have aided with the design and testing of a searchable cloud-based, horizon scanning database.

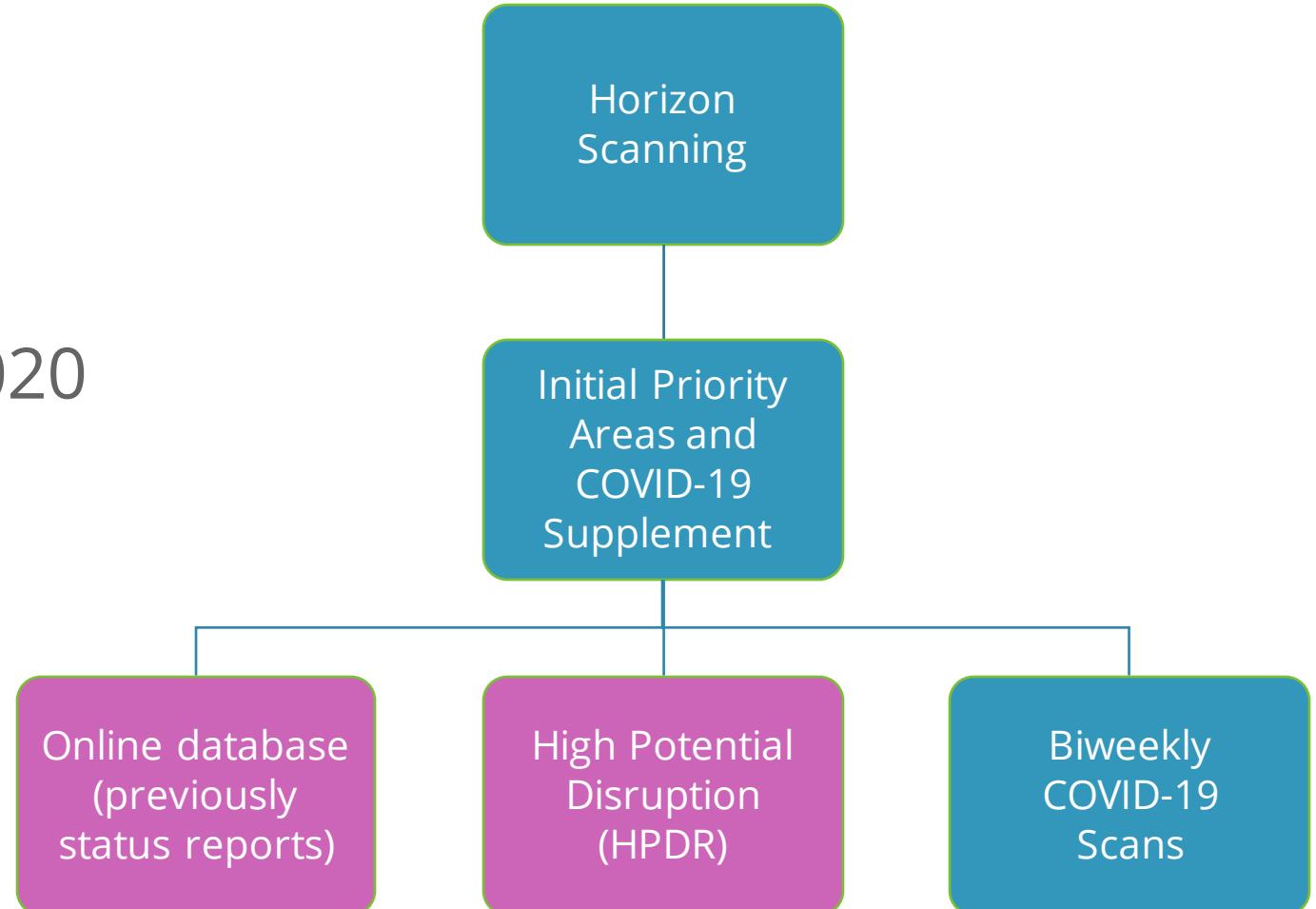
# Horizon Scanning: Disruptive Interventions



# Horizon Scanning Products



- *Cloud-based Database*  
*Soft-launch completed!*
- COVID-19 Supplement – 2020 onwards



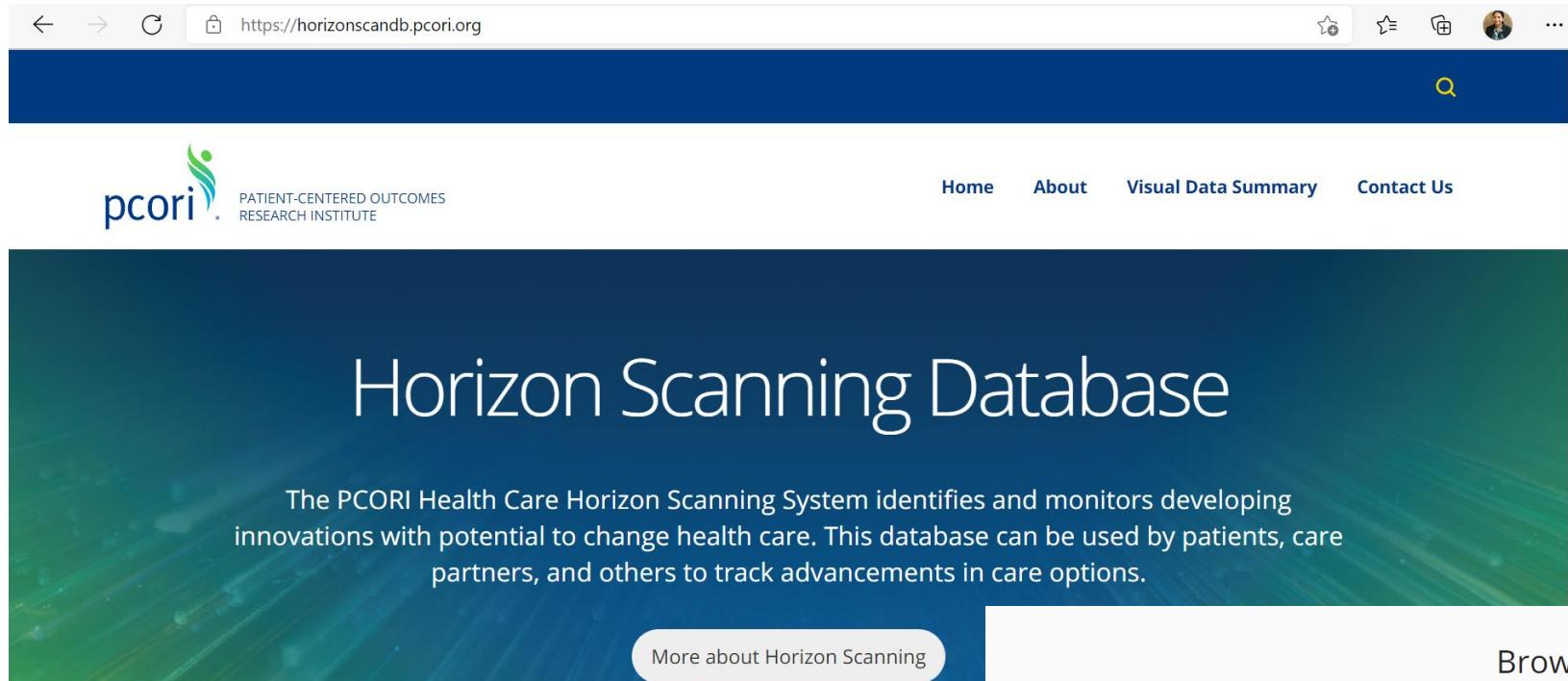
# Horizon Scanning Database

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From Rare Disease Context



# Horizon Scanning Database

A screenshot of a web browser showing the PCORI Horizon Scanning Database homepage. The URL in the address bar is https://horizonscandb.pcori.org. The page has a dark blue header with the PCORI logo and navigation links for Home, About, Visual Data Summary, and Contact Us. The main content area has a dark blue background with a green-to-blue gradient. The title "Horizon Scanning Database" is in large white font. Below it is a description: "The PCORI Health Care Horizon Scanning System identifies and monitors developing innovations with potential to change health care. This database can be used by patients, care partners, and others to track advancements in care options." A "More about Horizon Scanning" button is in a white callout bubble. At the bottom, there are four cards: "ALL RECORDS" (View records from all categories, View All Database Records), "TOPICS" (Monitor emerging interventions as they develop, View Topics), and "TRENDS" (Discover important patterns emerging in health care, View Trends).

## PCORI Horizon Scanning Database

# Horizon Scanning Focus Areas



Alzheimer's  
Disease and Other  
Dementias



Cancer



Cardiovascular  
Diseases



COVID-19



Mental and  
Behavioral Health



Rare Diseases



Other

## Browse the Database

### ALL RECORDS

View records from all categories

[View All Database Records](#)

### TOPICS

Monitor emerging interventions as they develop

[View Topics](#)

### TRENDS

Discover important patterns emerging in health care

[View Trends](#)

# Horizon Scanning Database - Rare Diseases



<input type="checkbox"/> SELECT ALL FOR EXPORT	Title	Clinical Category	Record Type	Horizon Scanning Focus Areas	Updated	Record Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Fidanacogene elaparvovec (PF-06838435) to treat hemophilia B</a>	Hematology	Topic	Rare Diseases	11/3/2021	<span>Active</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Iptacopan (LNP023) to treat paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria</a>	Hematology	Topic	Rare Diseases	10/7/2021	<span>Active</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Bardoxolone methyl (bardoxolone) to treat Alport syndrome</a>	Nephrology	Topic	Rare Diseases	10/5/2021	<span>Active</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Leriglitazone (MIN-102) to treat Friedreich ataxia</a>	Neurology	Topic	Rare Diseases	9/29/2021	<span>Active</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Ibutamoren (LUM-201) to treat growth hormone deficiency</a>	Endocrinology	Topic	Rare Diseases	9/29/2021	<span>Active</span>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Verdiperstat (BHV-3241) to treat multiple system atrophy</a>	Neurology	Topic	Rare Diseases	9/29/2021	<span>Active</span>

# Horizon Scanning Database – Rare Disease Example



## Bardoxolone methyl (bardoxolone) to treat Alport syndrome

**Jump to Section:** [Patient](#) | [Intervention](#) | [Development](#) | [Possible Disruptions](#) | [Regulatory](#) | [Comparators](#) | [Outcomes](#)

### Patient

#### Patient Population

Children aged 12 years or older and adults aged up to 60 years with a genetically confirmed diagnosis of Alport syndrome and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) between 30 and 90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Health Conditions

Alport syndrome

#### Health Conditions - Specific

Alport syndrome

  Date Posted  
7/26/2021

  Updated  
10/5/2021

  Focus Areas  
Rare Diseases

  Clinical Category  
Nephrology

  Key Theme  
Treatment models

### Intervention

#### Intervention Name

Bardoxolone methyl (bardoxolone)

# Horizon Scanning Database – Rare Disease Example (continued)



 Intervention Use  
Treatment

 Intervention Class  
Pharmaceutical

  Rare Disease?  
Yes

## Intervention Description

Bardoxolone methyl (bardoxolone) is an anti-inflammatory drug in development to treat Alport syndrome, a rare, inherited disease.

In Alport syndrome, mutations in genes encoding for type IV collagen change the structure and function of the glomerular basement membrane, the kidneys' filtration system. These mutations cause mitochondrial dysfunction and chronic inflammation, leading to scarring of the kidneys' blood vessels that ends in kidney failure.

No [FDA](#)-approved therapies exist for Alport syndrome. Kidney transplantation is potentially curative but is typically limited in availability. Disease management focuses on slowing the rate of kidney damage through diet, limiting fluid overload, and controlling high blood pressure to prevent overworking the damaged kidneys.

Bardoxolone purportedly could preserve kidney function and reduce the need for kidney transplantation. Bardoxolone is an activator of the [Keap1/Nrf2](#) regulatory pathway, which helps resolve inflammation by normalizing mitochondrial function, restoring the oxidation-reduction balance, and suppressing cytokine production.

In clinical trials, bardoxolone is taken as oral capsules at doses of 5 to 30 [mg](#), once daily.

 Search Tags  
bardoxolone

# Horizon Scanning Database – Rare Disease Example (continued)



## Additional fields include:

- Development
  - Developers
  - Clinical Trial Phase
- Possible Disruptions
- Regulatory
  - Latest Regulatory Event
  - FDA Designations
  - Clinical Trials
  - Regulatory Notes
- Comparators
- Outcomes
- How to cite for that record

# Horizon Scanning High Potential Disruption Report



- Summary of potentially disruptive technologies (~4 pages). Covers the following sections:
  - **Highlights**
  - Patient Population
  - Evidence Development Summary
  - Mfr. And Regulatory Status
  - **Cost Information**
  - **Results and Discussion of Stakeholder Comments**



# HPDR - Rare Disease Example



## Arimoclomol (BRX-345) to Treat Niemann-Pick Disease Type C

### Highlights

- Arimoclomol is an oral small-molecule drug intended to treat Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC), a rare, progressive disease associated with mental and physical disability in infants and adults. The therapy is meant to amplify the production of heat shock proteins (HSPs) that purportedly rescue misfolded proteins and clear abnormal protein collections, which would improve liposome function and slow disease progression.
- FDA accepted the company's marketing application for the therapy in September 2020 and, in December 2020, updated a previously set decision date of March 17, 2021, to June 17, 2021.
- Stakeholders commenting on this topic thought that, as a disease-modifying drug, arimoclomol might improve patient health outcomes and improve quality of life for patients with NPC.
- Stakeholders thought that arimoclomol might become the standard of care if it becomes the first FDA-approved treatment for NPC.

# HPDR – Rare Disease Example



## Key Stakeholder Perspectives

Between September 8 and September 18, 2020, eight stakeholders, reflecting clinical, health systems, nursing, and research perspectives, provided comments and ratings on arimoclomol to treat NPC. The list below summarizes key stakeholder perspectives.

- Arimoclomol could meet a large unmet need in patients with NPC and, if the FDA approves it, to become the standard of care as the first approved treatment.
- The 74% reduction in disease progression reported from clinical trials with arimoclomol suggests it might significantly improve patient health outcomes and quality of life. The largest effect is likely to be in patients who begin this treatment early in their disease progression.
- More data are needed to assess whether arimoclomol will increase life expectancy in patients with NPC and how it might compare with off-label treatment with miglustat.
- The health care delivery system is unlikely to change dramatically because of arimoclomol, which would conveniently be taken by mouth at home. However, some health care use, such as hospitalizations, routine follow-up visits, and supportive treatment, might decrease in this patient population.
- Arimoclomol is likely to be expensive, although it might not differ much from the off-label comparator miglustat. Thus, it is unclear whether treatment cost will be significantly disrupted. Overall health care cost might be offset by less use of health care resources (see previous bullet point).

# **Evidence Assessment**

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**Emerging Technologies  
and Therapeutics  
Reports**



# Emerging Technologies & Therapeutics Reports



## Goal

- Provide timely information on new drugs or devices
- Emerging and limited evidence but are already in practice

## Purpose

- Evidence summaries intended both to meet information needs and to inform more definitive research

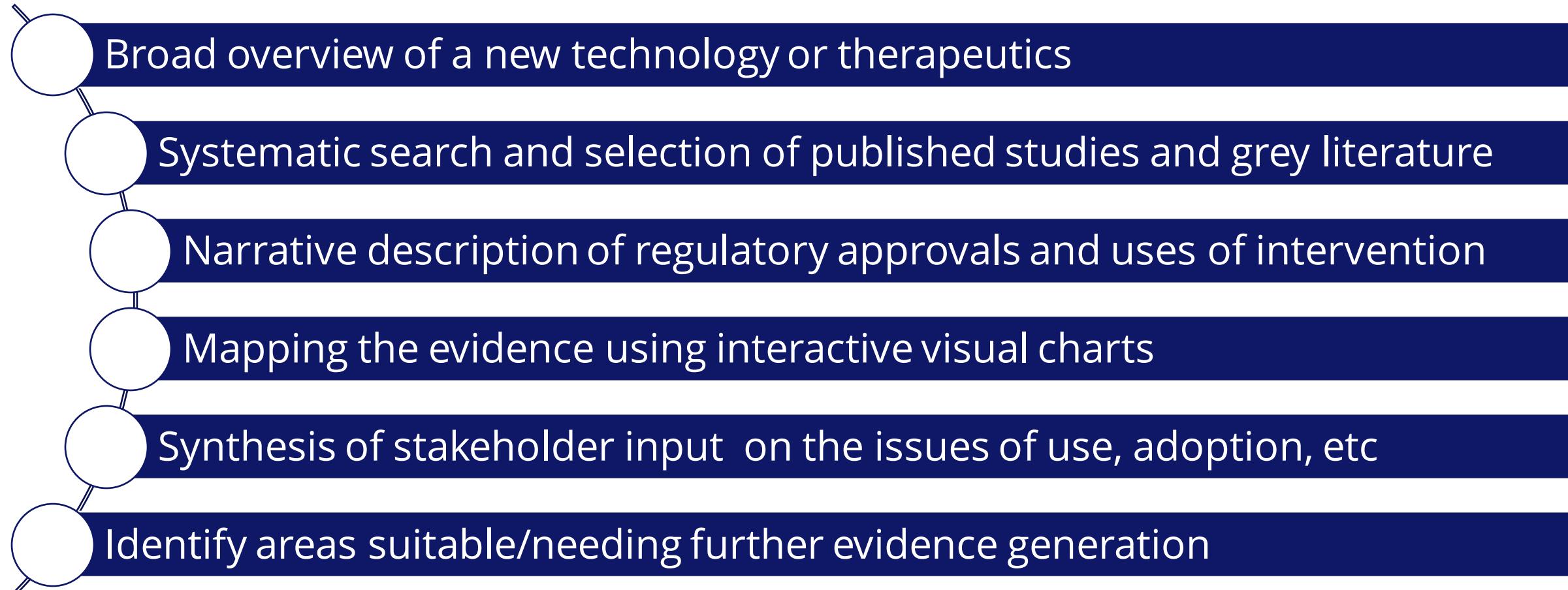
## Use

- Provide clarity about available evidence and areas of uncertainty for decision makers

# Emerging Technologies & Therapeutics Reports



- Key Steps in the evaluation of a new therapeutics or technology



# Emerging Technologies & Therapeutics Reports: An Example



Landscape Review and Evidence Map of Gene Therapy, Part I: Adenovirus, Adeno-associated Virus, and Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR)

- History of gene therapies
- Description Adenoviral, AAV, and CRISPR Gene Therapy
  - FDA-approved therapies
  - Potential pipeline gene therapies
- Context in which gene therapy is used
- Ongoing premarket and post-market gene therapy studies
- Current evidence supporting gene therapy

# Emerging Technologies & Therapeutics Reports: An Example (continued)



## Important Issues Raised by Gene Therapy

- Implications of the current level of adoption and future diffusion
- Key issues pertaining to decisional uncertainty
- Potential areas of research focus for PCORI and others

# Monitoring Evidence in Rare Diseases: Health Care Horizon Scanning



Thank you! Any Questions?

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# **BREAK (10 minutes)**

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We will return at 2:05 pm EST

# Critical Issues in the Rare Disease Community

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- Time for discussion.
- Prompts will be added on Day 2 of the meeting.

# Acknowledgments and Recap

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# Thank You!

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# Adjourn

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