

AGENCY PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Federal Agency: AHRQ

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AHRQ - Pain Research Portfolio

- AHRQ Mission: to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans
- AHRQ's overall focus is:
 - Effectiveness: Improve health care outcomes by encouraging the use of evidence to make informed health care decisions.
 - Efficiency: Transform research into practice to facilitate wider access to effective health care services and reduce unnecessary costs.
 - Safety and quality: Reduce the risk of harm by promoting delivery of the best possible health care.
- AHRQ has six research portfolios:
 - Comparative Effectiveness
 - Prevention and Care Management
 - Health Information Technology
 - Value
 - Patient Safety
 - Innovations

Mechanisms Used to Support Pain Research

- Current
 - Investigator Initiated Research Grants
 - Seven active grants
 - Research Contracts
 - Systematic Evidence Reviews via the Effective Healthcare Program
- Possible/Future
 - Targeted Research Grants
 - Will require congressionally directed funds
 - Rapid cycle research (P30) conducted through PBRNs
 - Contracts
 - Accelerating Change and Transformation in Organizations and Networks (ACTION II)

Partnerships Leveraged to Support Pain Research

- Dissemination of Research Findings
 - Medicaid Medical Directors Learning Network
 - Learning Network for Chartered Value Exchanges
 - Academic Detailing Project
 - Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions about Effectiveness(DECIDE) Research Network
 - Centers for Education & Research on Therapeutics (CERTs)
 - John M. Eisenberg Center for Clinical Decisions and Communications Science
- Conduct of Research
 - Practice Based Research Networks