



Society of Critical Care Medicine to Collaborate With Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Project on Overcoming Barriers to Patient- and Family-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research

The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) is collaborating with Vanderbilt University School of Nursing researchers Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP, FNAP, MCCM, (project colead and SCCM past president) and Marianna LaNoue, PhD, (project colead) to identify and disseminate strategies that can be used for overcoming barriers to patient- and family-centered comparative effectiveness research (PCOR/CER). The target participants are patients who were critically ill and hospitalized in an intensive care unit (ICU) setting. The project, called Addressing Barriers to Engaging Patients & Caregivers Experiencing Critical Illness to Build Capacity for Patient Centered Outcomes Research, will utilize group concept mapping to gather input from patients, family members, healthcare clinicians, researchers, and others to identify strategies for overcoming barriers to patient participation in research.

“The project team will also work with a patient and family member stakeholder advisory board to develop an open access website toolkit to strengthen skills for implementing patient-centered research along the continuum of critical illness,” Dr. Kleinpell said. “Engaging patients, families, and caregivers in patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research during and after a critical illness is essential to ensure that research questions that matter are being asked and that outcomes that matter are being measured.”

The project is made possible with a \$250,000 award through the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program, an initiative of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). It is part of a portfolio of projects that PCORI has funded to help develop a community of patients and other stakeholders equipped to participate as partners in comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) and disseminate PCORI-funded study results. Through the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program, PCORI is creating an expansive network of individuals, communities, and organizations interested in and able to participate in, share, and use patient-centered CER tools.

According to Greg Martin, PCORI’s Acting Chief Engagement and Dissemination Officer, “This project was selected for engagement award funding because it will build a community equipped to participate as partners in CER and develop partnerships and infrastructure to disseminate PCORI-funded research results. We look forward to working with Vanderbilt University School of Nursing throughout the course of their two-year project.”

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing's project and the other projects approved for funding by the PCORI engagement award program were selected through a highly competitive review process in which applications were assessed for their ability to meet PCORI's engagement goals and objectives, as well as program criteria. For more information about PCORI's funding to support engagement efforts, visit <http://www.pcori.org/content/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/>.

PCORI is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010 to fund comparative effectiveness research that will provide patients, their caregivers, and clinicians with the evidence needed to make better-informed health and healthcare decisions. PCORI is committed to seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to guide its work.