New CER Funding Opportunities

- **Innovative Adaptation and Dissemination of AHRQ Comparative Effectiveness Research Products (iADAPT) (R18)** Invites applications to extend the reach and impact of CER Reviews and associated products; such as Comparative Effectiveness Reviews, Comparative Effectiveness Review Executive Summaries, or Comparative Effectiveness Research Summary Guides (CERSGs) where additional adaptations or customizations are aimed at increasing their use, implementation, and impact among difficult-to-reach populations.

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- **AHRQ Clinical and Health Outcomes Initiative in Comparative Effectiveness (CHOICE) Grants (R01)** Supports Research Project Grant (R01) applications for large projects in comparative effectiveness aimed at generating new knowledge to help inform decision making in priority areas of clinical care. The impact of these studies should have a high likelihood of creating major advancements in clinical care.

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Announcements

- **New Methods in Statistical Methodology to decrease potential bias and confounding in Comparative Effectiveness Research**
  
  Mark van der Laan, Professor of Biostatistics at UC Berkeley, developed these methods that combine the application of super learning (SL) and targeted maximum likelihood estimation (TMLE). He is looking to apply these methods by partnering with CER researchers and grant applicants with large clinical databases. Learn more.

- **New Chapter Added to the Methods Guide for Comparative Effectiveness Reviews** under The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

- **Two new reports on Health Reform** provided by the AcademyHealth. Learn more.

  Reports:
  - Comparative Effectiveness Research: International Experiences and Implications for the United States
  - Prevention and Health Reform
Request for Input

- **Comparative Effectiveness Large Dataset Analysis Core at UCSF - Help advance the project!** The CTSI-UCSF Health Policy Program has been awarded a NIH/ARRA Supplement Grant to establish a centralized, campus-wide data repository infrastructure that will enable CTSI-UCSF and its collaborating CTSA partners to accelerate access to and use of local, state and national health datasets for comparative effectiveness research and other types of T2 research.

  **Help inform the project to best meet the UCSF community’s needs. Send your email to** Janet Coffman including information about:
  - Large data sets already available at UCSF and suitable for Comparative Effectiveness Research
  - Large data sets you’re interested in analyzing if access to the data and/or programmers with expertise are provided
  - Your research questions amenable to analysis of large data sets

- **Furthering Community Engagement & Comparative Effectiveness Research through Research Networking – Join us!**
  UCSF CTSI is co-organizing a national symposium to explore how research networking, expertise discovery and matchmaking tools can further Community Engagement & Comparative Effectiveness Research Goals. **Your input could help sculpt future initiatives in this area.** Send your idea(s) to: Mini Kahlon. Read more about the symposium.

Learn more about CTSI’s role in organizing and coordinating UCSF’s response to CER initiatives at CTSI’s Virtual Home Portal.

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