

This survey will help define the current state of comparative effectiveness research (CER) at UCSF and identify opportunities for our CTSI to better support investigators interested in CER.

We greatly appreciate your help. This survey should take 5 minutes to complete.

Note: "Comparative effectiveness research" generally refers to research that (1) compares two or more active interventions, and (2) is conducted in real-world settings. It can include studies using existing (observational) data, controlled clinical trials, and methodologic work relating to the above.

a. Name (optional)

b. Appointment

- UCSF Fellow
- UCSF Assistant Professor
- UCSF Associate Professor
- UCSF Full Professor
- Other UCSF (specify)
- Non-UCSF (specify)

c. Primary location

- Parnassus
- LH
- Mission Bay
- China Basin
- Mt Zion
- SFGH
- VA
- Other UCSF location
- Non-UCSF (specify)

d. How interested are you in conducting research that addresses questions of comparative effectiveness?

- Not interested
- A little interested
- Moderately interested
- Very interested

e. Are you currently doing CER-related research? (select all applicable)

- Yes, grant funded
- Yes, unfunded
- No

f. Type of CER research you are interested in (select all applicable)

- Observational data
- Controlled clinical trials
- Systematic reviews / meta-analysis
- Methods development
- Other (specify)

g. Briefly describe the type of CER-related work that you currently doing and/or interested in doing

h. Would you be willing to post your name and research interests in an online database of UCSF investigators interested in CER (i.e., to facilitate collaborations).

- No
- Probably no

[Note: This is gauging interest for the future – we will not post your responses to this survey]

- Unsure
- Probably yes
- Yes

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The next question asks about your knowledge of CER activities and opportunities.

a. What is your level of knowledge about the following topics in CER?

	I currently have...			
	No knowledge	A little knowledge	Some knowledge	Extensive knowledge
What constitutes CER / what kind of work is considered CER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methodologic issues relevant to my work in CER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current funding opportunities for CER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential collaborators at UCSF for my CER-related work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to find <i>new</i> potential collaborators at UCSF for my CER-related work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to identify existing information about CER (including information on methods, funding opportunities, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The next question asks about barriers to conducting and funding CER projects.

a. How important are the following barriers to your ability to conduct and obtain grant funding for CER?

	Not important	A little important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important – highest priority
Unclear about funding opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of familiarity with methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty identifying (or lack of) local collaborators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty recruiting participants for comparative effectiveness trials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-availability of appropriate datasets (e.g. for observational research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other → if other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The following final questions ask about how CTSI can help improve your ability to conduct and fund CER projects.

a. What services could CTSI provide that would most improve your ability to conduct and obtain grant funding for CER projects?

In answering this question, please also consider your likelihood of actually using the service if it was created / expanded

	Not useful	A little useful	Moderately useful	Very useful	Extremely useful – highest priority
Provide information through web and email					
• Online and local opportunities to learn about methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Funding opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Basic information and background materials on CER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop training programs					
• Develop courses for fellows and junior faculty (e.g. through the TIGR program)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Hold intermittent seminars, eg. on core methodologic issues in CER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilitate access to expert consultation					
• Referral service for expert consultation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote collaborations and networking					
• Facilitate identification of potential collaborators at UCSF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Create wikis, community forums, etc to facilitate discussion between CER investigators at UCSF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
→ if other, please specify: _____					

b. Please let us know how CTSA could help expand your capacity to conduct CER-related research (including obtaining funding and conducting the research)

c. Please share any other comments or suggestions about how we can improve CER-related research at UCSF
