

Our Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Grant

Georgia Watch has been approved for a \$15,000 award from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to support a project titled *Assessing Health Outcomes in Rural Areas where Nurse Practitioners Provide Primary Care*. The Health Access Program at Georgia Watch will use the funds provided through PCORI's Pipeline to Proposal Awards program to build a partnership of individuals and groups who share a desire to advance patient-centered outcomes research focused on the provision of primary care, particularly chronic disease management, in rural Georgia communities by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (nurse practitioners). Pipeline to Proposal Awards enable individuals and groups that are not typically involved in clinical research to develop the means to create community-led funding proposals focused on patient-centered clinical effectiveness research (CER). Established by the non-profit PCORI, the program funds three tiers of awards that help individuals or groups build community partnerships, develop research capacity, and hone a research question that could become the basis of a proposal to PCORI or other health research funders.



PCORI Tier 1 Project Plan

Georgia Watch plans to use this Tier I PCORI funding to convene stakeholders interested in improving patient access to primary care services, particularly chronic disease management, in rural areas. This project will focus on outcomes for low-income patients in rural Georgia living with multiple chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease. The preliminary idea for the project is one that will compare the health outcomes of low-income adults with chronic conditions in communities that have nurse practitioners serving rural populations versus communities that do not.

Georgia Watch will seek input from patients, patient advocacy organizations, provider groups, FQHCs, hospitals, state agencies and other stakeholders to determine the specifics of a patient-centered research question. Georgia Watch will serve as the lead organization and will convene partner organizations, patients and other stakeholders to determine which communities, diseases and desired health outcomes to focus on for comparative research purposes.

Visit www.georgiawatch.org/PCORI for more information.

We are looking to engage with:

- Patient/caregiver advocacy organizations
- Nurse practitioners and other APRNs serving rural communities
- Other providers and hospitals in rural communities
- Patients who are passionate about their APRN provided care
- Other interested stakeholders

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