Benefits of Patient-Centered Research

Patient-centered research is the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the research process, from topic selection through design and conduct of research to dissemination.

There are many benefits to patient-centered research, including:

- Identification of Research Topics of Interest to Patients & Community
- Improved Health Outcomes
- Reduction in Barriers to Participating in Research
- Increased Trust in Research Process
- Empowerment of Patients
- More Long-Term & Sustainable Interventions & Improvements
- Trust

Health centers are ideal settings for engaging patients, family members, and staff in research given their:

- Unique care model
- Large, diverse, and growing patient population
- Knowledge and trust of the community

Resource to Build Patient-Centered Capacity

To increase health centers’ capacity to participate in patient-centered research, the Clinical Directors Network, the National Association of Community Health Centers, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, the Institute for Community Health, Access Community Health Network, and the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association came together to create EnCoRE: Enhancing Community Health Center Patient-Centered Research Engagement.

EnCoRE is an interactive Learning Community consisting of health center staff and patients centered around a webinar curriculum that walks through the steps needed to develop a patient-centered research proposal.

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EnCoRE provides didactic content in an interactive format, relating research concepts to everyday, on-the-ground situations. It is free to use in modules or as a whole and is available for Continuing Education (CE) credit. It can be viewed by topic or as a whole curriculum at www.CDNetwork.org/ encore.

Achievements to Date

- 100% of Teams Who Submitted Pipeline to Proposal Applications Were Accepted for Tier 1 Awards
- Established a Pathway to Actualize Vision of Patient-Engaged Research

The EnCoRE program has achieved several milestones:

- 100% of teams who submitted a proposal to the PCORI Pipeline to Proposal Awards program were accepted for Tier 1 awards.
- EnCoRE has provided a pathway to actualize the vision of patient-engaged research.
- Positive feedback from participants.

Disseminated at National Conferences

- Built confidence and capacity for Health Center Patients and Staff to Present and Discuss Research Ideas and Methods
- Presented at national conferences and events.