

Assessment of Environment for Health Care Decision-Making

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our fourth annual survey. We are interested in your assessment of the health care decision-making environment today, especially as it relates to **comparative effectiveness research**, evidence-based medicine, and health care purchasing decisions that take quality and value into account.

Your responses will be **completely confidential**. Information will be reported only as grouped data so that neither you nor your organization can be identified. The aggregate results will be used to inform policymakers and other stakeholders about the ongoing changes to the comparative effectiveness research environment.

The questionnaire should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. After you read each question, mark the response that best represents your view of the health care decision-making environment, using the categories listed.

For the purposes of this assessment, please think about comparative effectiveness research as the comparison of available treatment options in real-world settings, utilizing a range of research methods that includes randomized controlled trials, observational studies, and systematic reviews (structured assessment of evidence available from multiple primary studies).

Q4. How much impact do you feel comparative effectiveness research has had or will have on health care decision-making during the following time periods?

	Negative impact	No effect at all	Slight improvement	Moderate improvement	Substantial improvement	No opinion
The last 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The next 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The next 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The next 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q5. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Generally agreed-upon and accepted standards are needed for the conduct of high-quality comparative effectiveness research.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **availability of agreed-upon research standards today**.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No agreed-upon research standards	←-----→				Widely agreed-upon research standards		

Q6. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Research priorities for comparative effectiveness research should consider the types of choices faced by patients and providers, including different drugs, devices, invasive and noninvasive procedures, as well as medical management.

Please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding **priorities for comparative effectiveness research today**.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priorities for research do not adequately address treatment choices faced by patients and providers	←-----→				Priorities for research adequately address treatment choices faced by patients and providers		

Q7. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

The current comparative effectiveness research evidence base should be complete enough to inform the choices faced by patients and providers.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment choices, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of **how complete the current comparative effectiveness research evidence base is.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>							
No evidence available	←-----→					Complete evidence base	

Q8. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Medical evidence and research must be interpreted in order to inform treatment decisions, aid the development of guidelines, or provide the basis for formulary decisions. Objective and transparent processes for interpretation that consider the totality of the evidence will help to ensure confidence in decisions made.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding the **transparency and objectivity of processes for interpreting evidence today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not at all transparent and objective	←-----→					Fully transparent and objective	

Q9. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Real-world evidence should be included in the development of drug and other medical policies.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view regarding the **use of real-world evidence today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>							
Not at all used	←-----→					Widely used	

Q10. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

While clinical effectiveness is paramount in selecting treatment options, the process of assessing the value of different medical interventions should include such factors as changes in quality of life, workplace productivity effects, quality of care, and the potential for improved adherence to treatments.

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **extent to which treatment assessments have incorporated a broad focus on quality of life, outcomes, and other measures of value today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treatment assessments narrowly focused only on clinical effectiveness	←----->					Treatment assessments broadly focused to include quality of life, outcomes, and other measures of value	

Q11. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Ensuring that patients receive the most appropriate treatment requires consideration of the variation in response of individual patients to specific treatments (e.g., treatment option B is more effective than A for some patients, yet A is more effective when measuring the average treatment response across patients).

Thinking about the environment in which patients and health care providers and plans make treatment decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **extent to which variability in individual patient response is considered in treatment decisions today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>							
Not at all considered	←----->					Widely considered	

Q12. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Data used to support health care purchasing decisions should account for all health care services used by plan enrollees (hospitalization, rehabilitation, medications, etc.)—and the inter-relationships between them—to enable an integrated process of decision-making.

Thinking about the environment for health care purchasing decisions today, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of **health care purchasing decisions accounting for all health care services used by plan enrollees today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services considered individually, not at all integrated	←----->					Integrated consideration of all services and inter-relationships	

Q13. Please read the statement below and use it as the basis for your response to the question that follows.

Efforts to purchase health care products and services with payments based on receiving requisite value (known as outcomes-based contracting) may help to ensure that health care dollars are well spent.

Thinking about the environment for health care purchasing decisions, please select the number below that most closely corresponds to your view of the **extent to which purchasing decisions have incorporated outcomes-based contracting today.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Little to no outcomes-based contracting	←----->					Widespread outcomes-based contracting	

Please turn to the last page of this questionnaire to select a charity to which we will donate on your behalf as thanks for your time.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. Your information is valuable in the assessment of comparative effectiveness research and consideration of value in health care decision-making.

As thanks for your time, we will make a \$50 donation on your behalf to one of the four charities listed below.

- American Red Cross
- Feeding America
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Wounded Warrior Project
- OPT OUT*

This contribution may not be deductible for tax purposes.

Please provide the following information about yourself in case we have questions. This information is voluntary and confidential.

Name _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

THANK YOU!