



AHRQ's Recent Investments in Primary Care Research

Primary Care Research at AHRQ

AHRQ's primary care research is critical to revitalizing the nation's primary care system. It is also important for achieving the Agency's mission to improve the quality, safety, accessibility, equity, and affordability of healthcare in the United States. As the only Federal agency with a congressional mandate to advance primary care research, AHRQ plays a key role in conducting and supporting research and generating evidence for the field.

AHRQ has been investing in primary care research for over 30 years.

AHRQ funds investigator-initiated grants on a variety of relevant topics; works to build primary care research infrastructure; develops research methods, tools, and resources; and generates primary care-relevant data. AHRQ's work to advance primary care research stretches across the Agency. Now, through the NCEPCR, all of AHRQ's work on primary care has been brought together in a central location where key audiences can access its research, tools, and resources.

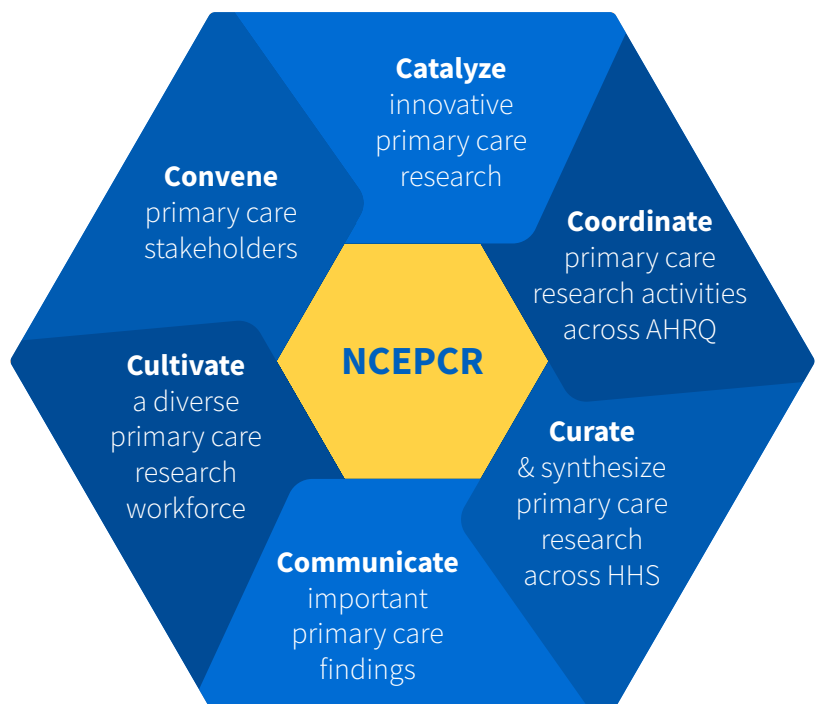
AHRQ's National Center for Excellence in Primary Care Research

The recently funded [National Center for Excellence in Primary Care Research](#) (NCEPCR) serves as the home for primary care research at AHRQ.

NCEPCR's mission is to support transformative primary care research, tools and methods for implementation, and the next generation of primary care researchers to improve the delivery of primary care.

NCEPCR envisions a future where all patients receive high quality, whole person, evidence-based, affordable primary healthcare from a healthy primary care workforce.

The goals of NCEPCR:



NCEPCR Report: AHRQ's Investments in Primary Care Research for 2021 and 2022

NCEPCR's first comprehensive report is a review of AHRQ's recent investments in primary care research. The report compiles and shares information about primary care relevant efforts and funding from throughout the Agency, including grants, contracts, initiatives, and resources. The report serves as a resource for researchers, clinicians and clinical teams, quality improvement experts, and decision makers who want to learn more about AHRQ's primary care research portfolio and use the relevant findings and resources in their own work.

AHRQ's active primary care research in fiscal years 2021 and 2022

\$ **\$220.8 million** total investment*

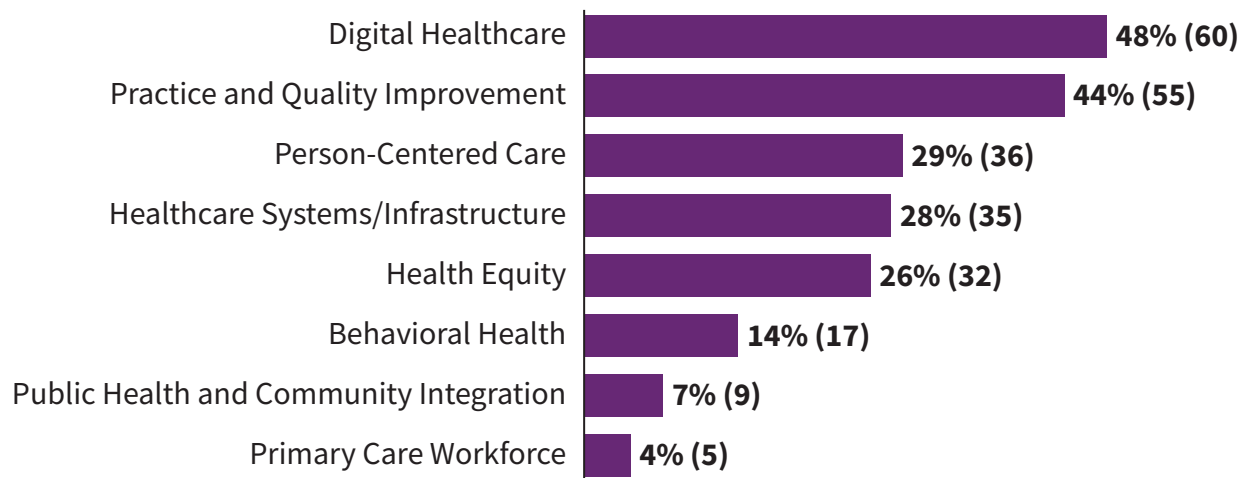
12 contracts
led by nine
organizations

128 grants and cooperative agreements:

Across **66 institutions** in
30 states across the country

Resulting in over
500 publications

Much of the content of the report is organized by eight key topic areas for primary care research. AHRQ's primary care research grants aligned with multiple key topic areas. Many focused on Digital Healthcare and Practice and Quality Improvement while a much smaller proportion focused on Behavioral Health, Public Health and Community Integration, and Primary Care Workforce.



Percentage of Grants by Key Topic Area (N=124 unique grants)

The **full report**, and a **table of Research Profiles and Emerging Research Spotlights** with summaries of potentially high-impact studies can be found here:



*Spanning fiscal years 2016-2027.