



Module 2: Using Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Shared Decision Making

Module Goal/Aim

The goal of this module is to support clinicians' efforts to provide patient-centered clinical care through shared decision making and the use of findings from patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR).

Module Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to explain or describe:

- Patient-centered care and PCOR
- Attributes/advantages of PCOR in augmenting patient-centered care in the context of shared decision making
- How PCOR is conducted
- How to access AHRQ's PCOR resources for patients and clinicians
- AHRQ's PCOR materials appropriate to participant's practice area
- How to incorporate PCOR materials into shared decision making

Timing

This module will take 90 minutes to present (**NOTE TO INSTRUCTOR:** Specific breakdown of times allotted for discussion/activity will appear within the module).

Learning Methodology Checklist

- Large group discussion
- PowerPoint slide presentation

Materials Checklist

- LCD projector and laptop
- Flip chart (with tape or sticky band) or a whiteboard
- Markers
- Internet access is recommended to demonstrate the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program Web site and AHRQ Patient Decision Aids.
- Module 2 Participant Guide – one per participant (see details below)

- Samples of AHRQ Consumer and Clinician Summaries to pass around the class

Instructor Preparation

4 weeks before training

- Order a variety of sample AHRQ Consumer Summaries and Clinician Summaries to display or to pass around the room.

To view available topics, go to:

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/research-summaries-for-consumers-clinicians-and-policymakers/>

To order one or more full-color print copies, call the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse at 800-358-9295 or order online at the AHRQ Publication Clearinghouse Web site (<http://ahrqpubs.ahrq.gov>). Ask for the publications by the title and number and refer to order code E-8.

2 weeks before training

- Photocopy Module 2 materials and assemble into Module 2 Participant Guide workbooks for each participant. Include:
 - Module 2 PowerPoint slide set (3 slides per page)
 - **Accessing and Navigating AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program Web Site** Handout (located at the back of Module 2 in your Trainer's Guide.)

On the day of the training

- Have the SHARE Approach screen saver showing on your computer to share with participants as they come into the classroom.
- Have the **Module 2: Using Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Shared Decision Making** PowerPoint file open and minimized on the computer.
- Have the a Patient Decision Aid from the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program Web site open and minimized on the computer. Find them at <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/tools-and-resources/patient-decision-aids/>
- Have samples of AHRQ Consumer and Clinician Summaries on a variety of topics available to pass around.

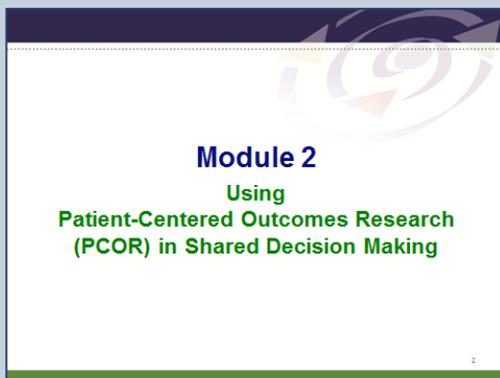
Module 2 USING PCOR IN SHARED DECISION MAKING (3 minutes)

Slide 1



DO: Open PowerPoint called, **Module 2: Using Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Shared Decision Making.**

Slide 2

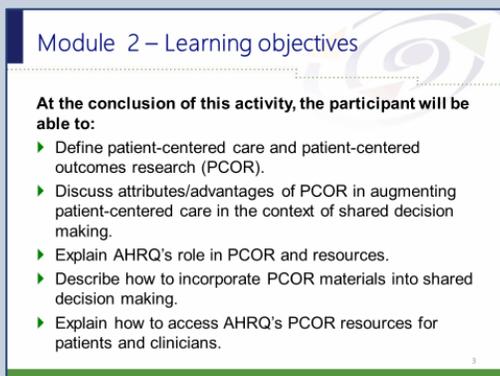


SAY: Module 2 is titled, **Using Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Shared Decision Making.**

In this second module, we are going to learn about **patient-centered outcomes research** or PCOR (pronounced “PEA core”) for short. We will also learn how PCOR is used in shared decision making between clinicians and their patients and caregivers.

We will also address how you can find evidence-based resources for your practice.

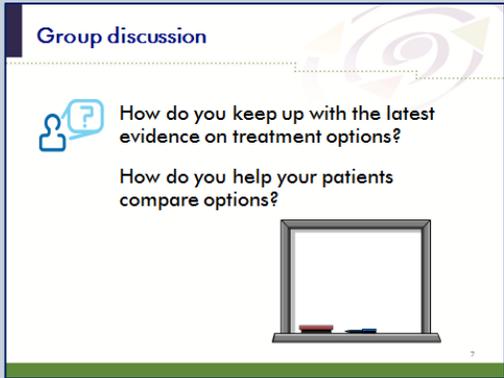
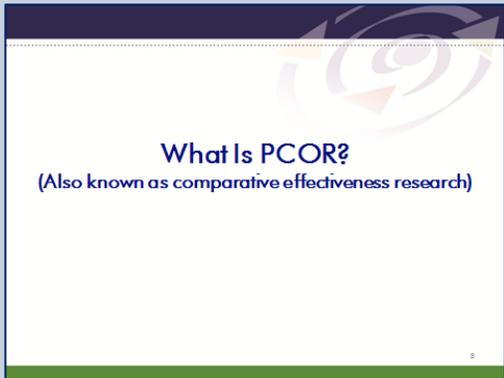
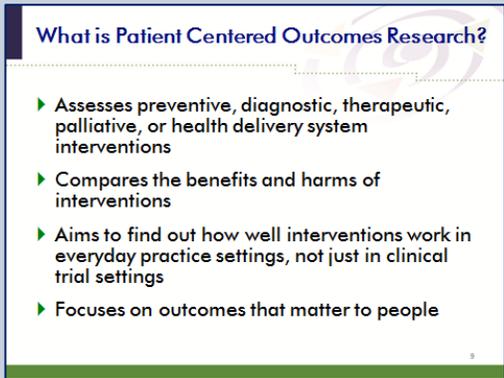
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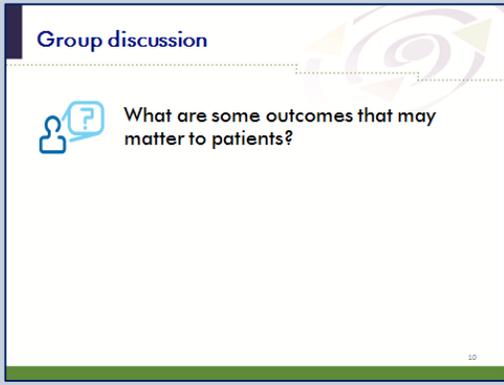
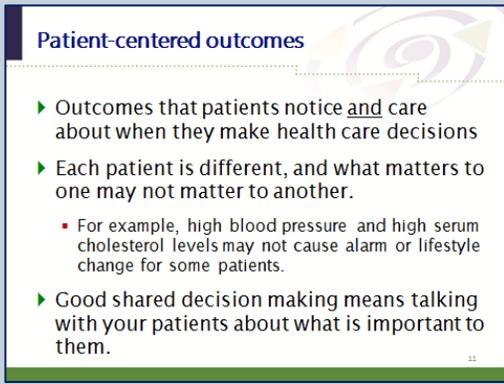


SAY: By the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Define patient-centered care and patient-centered outcomes research.
- Discuss attributes and advantages of patient-centered outcomes research in augmenting patient-centered care in the context of shared decision making.
- Explain AHRQ’s role in PCOR and resources.
- Describe how to incorporate PCOR materials into shared decision making.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how to access AHRQ’s PCOR resources for patients and clinicians.
<p>PATIENT-CENTERED CARE (10 minutes)</p>	
<p>Slide 4</p> <div data-bbox="196 474 695 850"> <p>What is patient-centered care?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Institute of Medicine (IOM). Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century (2001)¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions. ▪ An essential foundation for quality and patient safety. </div>	

	<p>Resources based on patient-centered outcomes research, or PCOR, can help with Step 2 of the SHARE Approach.</p>
<p>Slide 7</p>  <p>Group discussion</p> <p>How do you keep up with the latest evidence on treatment options?</p> <p>How do you help your patients compare options?</p>	<p>ASK: How do you keep up with the latest evidence on treatment options? How do you help your patients compare options?</p> <p>DO: Write responses on a white board.</p> <p>SAY: To recap, resources based on patient-centered outcomes research, or PCOR, can help with Step 2 of the SHARE Approach.</p>
<p>WHAT IS PCOR? (15 minutes)</p>	
<p>Slide 8</p>  <p>What Is PCOR? (Also known as comparative effectiveness research)</p>	<p>SAY: Let's go over some fundamentals of PCOR. To clarify, you may have also heard PCOR called comparative effectiveness research or CER (pronounced C-E-R). PCOR and CER are synonymous terms. For our module, we will be using the term PCOR or patient-centered outcomes research.</p>
<p>Slide 9</p>  <p>What is Patient Centered Outcomes Research?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assesses preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative, or health delivery system interventions Compares the benefits and harms of interventions Aims to find out how well interventions work in everyday practice settings, not just in clinical trial settings Focuses on outcomes that matter to people 	<p>SAY: PCOR can be applied to myriad of interventions, including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative, or health delivery system interventions.</p> <p>PCOR compares the benefits and harms of these interventions.</p> <p>PCOR aims to find out how well interventions work in <u>everyday practice settings</u>, not just in clinical trials.</p> <p>Ideally, PCOR looks at the effectiveness of</p>

	<p>interventions, considering variables not always tested in clinical trials. These variables may include patients who have multiple conditions, are older, or are a different gender than those included in clinical trials. As you know, these types of variables can affect how well a treatment works.</p> <p>PCOR focuses on outcomes that matter to patients.</p>
<p>Slide 10</p>  <p>The slide is titled "Group discussion" and features a question mark icon next to the text "What are some outcomes that may matter to patients?". There is a decorative graphic in the background consisting of overlapping circles and lines.</p>	<p>ASK: What are some outcomes that may matter to patients?</p> <p>DO: Call on one or two participants to respond.</p>
<p>Slide 11</p>  <p>The slide is titled "Patient-centered outcomes" and contains three bullet points. The first bullet point states "Outcomes that patients notice and care about when they make health care decisions". The second bullet point states "Each patient is different, and what matters to one may not matter to another." and includes a sub-bullet point: "For example, high blood pressure and high serum cholesterol levels may not cause alarm or lifestyle change for some patients." The third bullet point states "Good shared decision making means talking with your patients about what is important to them." There is a decorative graphic in the background.</p>	<p>SAY: Outcomes that are patient-centered are those that patients notice and care about when they make health care decisions.</p> <p>Yet, as we know, each patient is different, and what matters to one may not matter to another.</p> <p>High blood pressure or high serum cholesterol levels may not cause alarm to some patients because the person may not feel sick or look sick. Without noticeable symptoms, it may be difficult for a patient to know that change is needed. This patient may not be motivated to make lifestyle changes or seek treatment.</p> <p>Part of good shared decision making is talking with your patients about what they feel is important.</p>

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Patient-centered outcomes

- ▶ Outcomes that matter to patients may include:
 - Quality of life
 - Mobility
 - Ability to carry out certain tasks
 - Ability to focus
 - Ability to return to work
 - Side effects/risks of treatment
 - Symptoms (e.g., pain, nausea)
 - Survival
- ▶ Consider that outcomes might be different for each patient.

SAY: Some outcomes that may matter to patients can include:

- Quality of life
- Mobility
- Ability to carry out certain tasks
- Ability to focus
- Ability to return to work
- Side effects and risks of treatment
- Symptoms (e.g., pain, nausea)
- Survival

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Primary aim of PCOR

- ▶ To help inform patients, health care providers, and others as they make health care decisions
- ▶ **How?**
 - In clinical setting, use PCOR as your base in shared decision making.
 - Help your patients compare and weigh options.
 - Learn what is important to them.
 - Engage in two-way communication.

Evidence-based information about treatment options can help your patients be active participants in the shared decision-making process.

SAY: To review, the primary goal of PCOR is to help inform patients, health care providers, and others as they make health care decisions.

In the clinical setting, you can help your patients compare and weigh options to determine what treatment options work and which options may be better than other available options. Once you know what is important to your patient, you can engage in two-way communication using PCOR as your base.

Offering evidence-based information about treatment options can help your patients be active participants in the shared decision-making process.

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Informing health care decisions

- ▶ In other settings, PCOR can inform clinical practice guidelines and policy decisions.

SAY: In other settings, PCOR can also inform clinical practice guideline development and policy decisions.

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PCOR - "Tools, not rules"

- ▶ Informative - Not meant to dictate health decisions
- ▶ Allows you to help your patients come to a decision that works for their lives.

SAY: PCOR can be described as “tools, not rules.”

PCOR is informative, and it is not meant to dictate health decisions. PCOR allows you to offer information to help your patients come to a health decision that works for their lives.

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What PCOR is NOT

- ▶ PCOR does **NOT**:
 - Tell health providers how to practice medicine
 - Provide guidance by itself; PCOR is informative
 - Replace clinical judgment tailored to individual patients
 - Replace clinical practice guidelines or provide clinical recommendations

SAY: PCOR is not intended to tell health care providers how they should be practicing medicine.

Because PCOR is only information, it cannot provide guidance by itself.

It is meant to complement, not replace clinical judgment that is tailored to individual patients.

It is not a clinical practice guideline, it does not replace clinical practice guidelines, and it does not make clinical practice recommendations.

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Major sponsors of PCOR

▶ Primary research studies

- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

• An independent, quasi-governmental organization that was authorized as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to conduct PCOR



- National Institutes of Health (NIH)



SAY: There are a few major players involved in funding the majority of PCOR work in the United States.

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, also known as PCORI (pronounced “Pea-Core-E” for short) and the National Institutes of Health fund primary research studies.

PCORI is an independent, quasi-governmental organization that was authorized as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to conduct PCOR.

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Getting the information out

- ▶ PCOR is meant to help inform patient and clinician decision making.
- ▶ It's important to get the research to those who need it.

SAY: Because PCOR is meant to help inform patient and clinician decision making, it is imperative that the research gets to those who need it.

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Major sponsors supporting dissemination of PCOR

- ▶ Dissemination of primary research
 - PCORI
 - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

SAY: So there is a big focus on dissemination of PCOR as well. The major funders of dissemination work are PCORI and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, or AHRQ.

As the sponsor of this workshop, AHRQ encourages using PCOR in shared decision making. So, for the rest of this module we will focus on AHRQ's role in PCOR dissemination and the PCOR resources available from AHRQ.

AHRQ's EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM (25 minutes)

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AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/>

SAY: AHRQ's PCOR dissemination activities occur primarily through the Effective Health Care Program.

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Effective Health Care Program activities

- ▶ Evidence synthesis
 - Development of systematic reviews of existing evidence to compare treatment/intervention effectiveness and identifying relevant knowledge gaps
 - Compare the benefits and harms of treatment options
 - Explain what is known and what is not known

SAY: The first step of disseminating PCOR is synthesizing all of the primary research on a particular topic.

The Effective Health Care Program conducts systematic reviews of available evidence. These reviews thoroughly compare the benefits and harms of treatment options. The reviews explain what is known—and what is not known—about health care interventions.

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Effective Health Care Program Comparative Effectiveness reports

- ▶ Comprehensive technical reviews
- ▶ Executive summary and full report
- ▶ Available for free online in HTML and PDF formats



SAY: Effective Health Care Program systematic reviews are called Comparative Effectiveness Reviews. They are comprehensive technical documents that are usually hundreds of pages long. Each report also includes an executive summary that summarizes the findings in about 20 to 30 pages.

These reports are available free of charge on the AHRQ Effective Health Care Web site. Visit www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov to learn more.

DO: Pass some AHRQ samples out now.

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AHRQ's Evidence-Based Practice Centers (EPCs)

EPCs:

- ▶ Are independent research organizations and institutions
- ▶ Have extensive expertise in conducting systematic reviews of literature
- ▶ Conduct comparative effective reviews under contract to AHRQ

The EPC Program actively manages any conflict of interest to ensure the reviews are trustworthy and unbiased.

SAY: AHRQ's Evidence-based Practice Centers, also referred to as EPCs, conduct the comparative effectiveness reviews.

The EPCs are independent research organizations and institutions with extensive expertise in conducting systematic reviews of literature. They conduct research under contract to AHRQ.

The EPC program policies require organizations and staff to disclose any and all potential conflicts of interest prior to conducting a comparative effectiveness review. Actively managing any conflict issues ensures that the reviews are trustworthy and unbiased.

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Topics

Evidence-Based Resources

AHRQ's Effective Health Care (EHC) Program provides free research summaries that support clinicians in the practice of evidence-based medicine. The summaries are concise, unbiased, and practical, providing reliable comparisons on the benefits and risks of treatments for many chronic conditions.

Click the links below to review the effectiveness and risks of different treatments for the following health conditions:

Brain and Nerve Conditions	Heart and Blood Vessel Conditions
Breathing Conditions	Infectious Diseases and HIV/AIDS
Cancer	Mental Health
Developmental Delays, ADHD, Autism	Muscle, Bone, and Joint Conditions
Diabetes	Nonclinical Topics
Digestive System Conditions	Obesity
Genitourinary Conditions	Ophthalmologic Conditions
Gynecology	Pregnancy and Childbirth
	Renal Disease

SAY: This screen-grab shows examples of the topic areas that have undergone comparative effectiveness reviews by AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program.

The reviews address a wide variety of conditions, including common ones, such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, arthritis, mental health disorders, and many more. It is likely that at least some of these resources are relevant to your practice area.

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Which of these broad topics may be relevant to your patients?

- Arthritis
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Diabetes
- Mental health disorders
- Obesity
- Pregnancy and Childbirth
- Renal Disease
- Others?

ASK: Which of these broad topics are relevant to you?

DO: Call on a few people to respond.

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Topic nomination

- ▶ EHC Program works with stakeholders for topic nomination
- ▶ Topics for review are nominated by non-Federal partners, such as:
 - Professional societies
 - Health plans
 - Insurers
 - Employers
 - Patients
 - Clinicians

SAY: The Effective Health Care Program works with a variety of stakeholders to identify priority topic areas for review to ensure they meet the needs of its users.

These stakeholders include professional societies, health plans, insurers, employers, and importantly, patients, and clinicians like you.

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Topic selection

- ▶ Suggestions considered against a set of criteria
- ▶ Priority is given to the topics that:
 - Address clinical uncertainties
 - Focus on important subgroups
 - Will be used to inform decision making



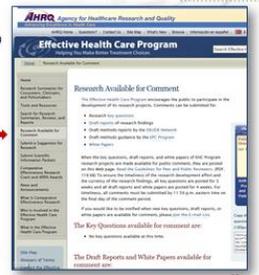
SAY: You can look on AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program Web site to see what topics have been submitted and what topics are currently in development for review.

All suggestions are carefully considered based on a set of criteria. Topics that are given priority address clinical uncertainties, focus on important subgroups, and will be used to inform decision making.

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Stakeholder involvement in the Effective Health Care Program

- ▶ To ensure each review is relevant to patients and other stakeholders
 - Topic selection
 - Review and comment on key questions and outcomes studied.
 - Review and comment on draft report.



SAY: AHRQ is committed to ensuring that each review is relevant to patients and other stakeholders.

Adhering to the principles of PCOR, AHRQ engages stakeholders in **all phases** of PCOR research, from suggesting topics and commenting on key questions and outcomes to being actively involved in the review of all draft products.

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Effective Health Care Program activities

- ▶ Evidence synthesis
 - Conducting systematic reviews of existing evidence to compare treatment/intervention effectiveness and identifying relevant knowledge gaps
- ▶ Translation
 - Translating PCOR findings into plain language resources and tools for patients, providers, and policymakers

SAY: An important part of PCOR is ensuring that the findings are relevant to the end users. The Effective Health Care Program takes the comprehensive 200-page report gathered from evidence synthesis and creates plain language documents for patients, providers, and policymakers based on these larger evidence-based reports.

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SAY: This slide shows some of the products that AHRQ makes available. We've been passing them around. We also have a number of these materials on display in the back of the room.

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Effective Health Care Products

- ▶ Designed to encourage conversations between clinicians and patients
- ▶ Available online for viewing and print in PDF format
- ▶ Accessible on mobile devices and smart phones
- ▶ Available for order for little or no cost from AHRQ's Publication Clearinghouse
- ▶ Many available in Spanish

SAY: These products are designed to encourage conversations between clinicians and patients to enhance shared decision making.

All of these resources are available for online viewing and for print in PDF format. You can also access and view these AHRQ resources on mobile devices and smart phones.

You can also order them for little or no cost from AHRQ's Publications Clearinghouse. We'll show you how to do that a little later.

Let's explore some of the clinician resources first, and discuss how they can help you with shared decision making.

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Clinician resources

- ▶ Can help you engage in shared decision making by helping you know the evidence.
- ▶ Based on systematic reviews from the Effective Health Care Program
- ▶ Available in a variety of easy-to-navigate formats
 - Clinician research summaries
 - CME/CE modules
 - Faculty slides
 - Webcasts

SAY: Let's go over the resources available for health providers.

For you and your clinician colleagues, AHRQ offers several types of clinician resources that can help you engage in shared decision making with your patients. These resources are based on the systematic reviews of the literature from the Effective Health Care Program. They are designed to help you learn about the research in a variety of easy-to-navigate formats. These include clinician research summaries, CME/CE modules, faculty slides, and webcasts.

When you know the treatment options and how they compare to one another in terms of benefits and risk, you can help your patients make optimal treatment decisions that work for their lives.

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Clinician research summaries

- ▶ Offer Clinical Bottom Line
- ▶ Highlight the strength of evidence behind the report's conclusions
- ▶ Describe gaps in evidence
- ▶ Over 50 in print that you can order
- ▶ Also downloadable online



SAY: The Clinician Research Summaries offer the clinical bottom line in a few pages, highlight the strength of evidence behind the report's conclusions, and describe gaps in current evidence. There are over 50 clinician summaries in print and available online.

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Clinician research summaries

- ▶ Use them in shared decision making with your patients
 - Serve as quick reference/review to compare treatment options
 - Help you convey the evidence-based treatment options and how they compare in benefits and risks to your patients
- ▶ Easy to navigate, download, and share



SAY: You can use these summaries in shared decision making with your patients.

You can review these as a quick reference to compare treatment options.

They can help you convey the evidence behind the treatment options and how they compare in benefits and risks to your patients.

These are easy to share with colleagues too.

DO: Pass the **Clinician Research Summaries** around the room or refer to the samples in the back of the room.

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Clinician CME/CE Activities

The screenshot displays the 'CME/CE Activities' page on the AHRQ website. It features a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a search bar and filters, and a list of activities. The 'Health Conditions' section is expanded, showing a list of conditions including Asthma, Diabetes, and Heart Disease. The 'Effective Health Care Program' section is also visible, providing information about the program's goals and resources.

SAY: You can also participate in free online continuing education (CME/CE) from AHRQ. These courses are based on specific full Comparative Effectiveness Reviews. Credits are available for several different types of clinicians.

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Clinician faculty slides and resources

- ▶ Faculty slides
- ▶ Webcasts

The screenshot shows the 'Faculty Slides and Resources' page on the AHRQ website. It features a navigation menu on the left and a main content area with a search bar and filters. The 'Faculty Slides' section is expanded, showing a list of slides including 'Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring' and 'Expert in the House: Treatment of Asthma'. The 'Webcasts' section is also visible, providing information about the 'Establishing Center Conference Series'.

SAY: Faculty slide sets contain prepared talks and PowerPoint slide presentations to use in grand rounds or journal clubs. The prepared slide sets help educate clinicians, researchers, and other health professionals in training.

AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program also sponsors webcasts and conferences you can use for additional education and training activities.

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Patient resources

- ▶ Consumer research summaries
 - Over 50 print, online, and audio
 - Patient-friendly
 - English and Spanish
 - Compare treatment options—risks and benefits
 - Questions to ask provider
- ▶ Interactive patient decision aids
 - Web-based decision aids

DO: Pass the **Consumer Research Summaries** around the room.

SAY: For your patients, AHRQ offers **Consumer Research Summaries** and **Interactive Patient Decision Aids**. These resources are written in consumer-friendly language and are designed for patients with certain conditions to help them think about what is important to them when talking with their clinician about treatment options.

DO: Show participants examples in the research summary, as you list the criteria below.

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Patient resources use health literacy principles

- ▶ Written in plain language for easier comprehension
- ▶ Tells you from the start (inside cover) who the booklet is for
- ▶ Uses large type for reading ease
- ▶ Uses effective line length for optimal readability (less than 6 inches long helps the reader track the line easily)

SAY: In addition to being written in plain language writing, the **Consumer Research Summaries** follow effective, proven health literacy principles. They should:

- Be written in plain language for easier comprehension.
- Start off by stating who will benefit from the booklet
- Use large type for reading ease
- Have effective line length for optimal readability

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Patient resources use health literacy principles, cont.

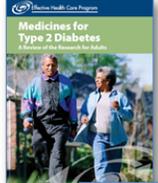
- ▶ Uses headers and sub-headers to direct readers
- ▶ Uses photographs that show action
- ▶ List questions to ask the doctor
- ▶ Often available in Spanish
- ▶ Available in audio version on the web

SAY: They also:

- Use headers and sub-headers to direct the reader
- Use photographs that show actions you hope your readers will take
- List questions to ask the doctor or health care provider
- Offer space for the reader to fill in answers and write their own questions
- Are often available in Spanish or in audio version

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PCOR resources for patients to promote shared decision making



Medicines for Type 2 Diabetes
A Review with Research for Patients

- ▶ Aim to involve patients and family members in decision making.
 - Inform patients and their caregivers about options.
 - Help clarify patients' preferences for risks and benefits of options.
 - Encourage patients and family members to discuss their preferences with their clinicians.

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- Is This Information Right for Me?
- Understanding Your Condition
- Understanding Your Options
- Making a Decision
- Source

The patient resources are available online, in print, and in audio versions.

SAY: A key element of these patient resources, which makes them valuable for shared decision making, is that their use aims to involve patients and family members in decisions. These resources help in three ways:

1. They inform patients and their caregivers about options.
2. They clarify patients' preferences for risks and benefits of options.
3. They encourage patients and family members to discuss their preferences with their clinicians.

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Using AHRQ's PCOR resources



SAY: You can discuss the information in the **Consumer Research Summaries** with patients during clinical encounters or consultations.

Consider placing the **Consumer Research Summaries** in your waiting rooms and exam rooms. Offer them as take-home materials to discuss at your next visit.

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AHRQ's interactive decision aids promote shared decision making



AHRQ's interactive decision aids:

- Describe the condition
- Present the treatment options
- Help patients assess what is important to him or her
- Provide tips for talking with their clinician

SAY: AHRQ also offers **Interactive Patient Decision Aids** that are designed to facilitate shared decision making. You will find culturally relevant videos and slide shows to help your patients as they make important health decisions.

You can direct your patients to the Web site to view at home or in your office.

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AHRQ's interactive decision aids

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/decisionaids/urinary-incontinence/>



SAY: Let's take a look at one interactive decision aid now.

DO: Minimize the PowerPoint presentation and go to the AHRQ Effective Health Care Web site. You should already have your browser on the following page:

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/decisionaids/urinary-incontinence/>

NOTE: Show more than one interactive aid if there is time. Also, have the site up on the computer at breaks so participants can see the interactive tools.

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How might you use these consumer summaries?



Can you think of other ways that you might use these resources with your patients?

When might you introduce them? At the visit, to take home?



ASK: Can you think of other ways that you might use these resources with patients?

How would you introduce them? At the visit, to take home?

DO: Write suggestions on the white board.

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Examples of how AHRQ's PCOR resources have been used

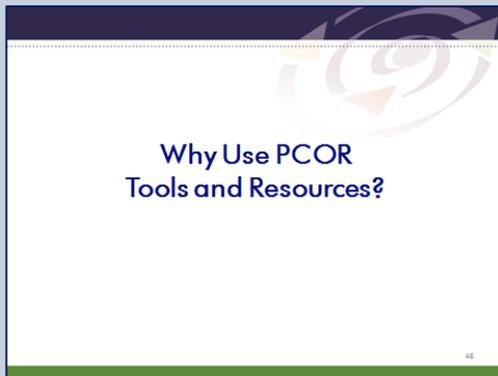
- ▶ **Urban Health Plan (UHP)**, a network of New York City health centers serving more than 54,000 mostly Spanish-speaking and low-income patients in the Bronx and Queens, has ordered nearly 2,500 EHC Program summaries to support their English- and Spanish-language patient education efforts.
- ▶ **WakeMed Health and Hospitals** distributed 1,000 copies of the Treating High Cholesterol consumer research summary at a communitywide health fair.
- ▶ In the past year, more than 28,000 EHC Program publications have been distributed at three **NAFC "Communities Are Responding Everyday" (C.A.R.E.)** health clinics in Washington, DC, Charlotte, NC, and New Orleans, LA.



Refer to page 7, Tool 8 for other examples

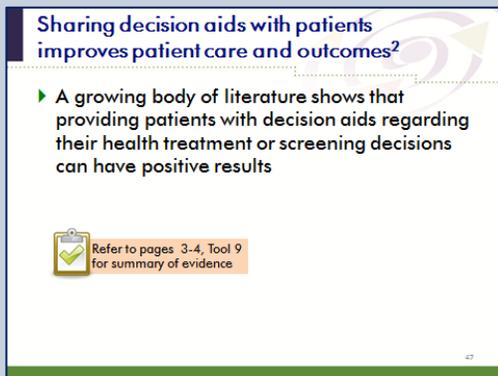
SAY: Here are some examples of how organizations have shared the patient resources. You will find other examples in Tool 8, on page 7.

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SAY: Now that we have talked about PCOR, and AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program as a prominent resource for practical PCOR tools and resources, you may be asking yourself, “**Why should I use this information?**”

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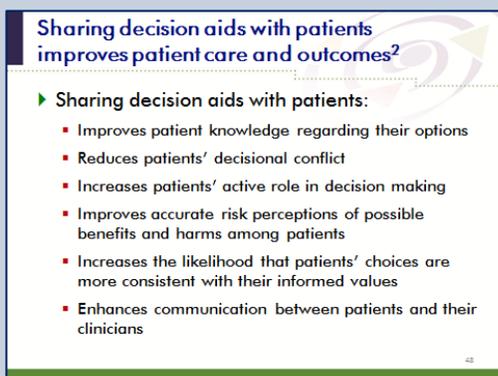


SAY: Sharing evidence-based decision aids, such as AHRQ’s PCOR resources, through a coordinated effort of shared decision making with patients and their caregivers **improves patient care**.

A growing body of literature shows that providing patients with decision aids regarding their health treatment or screening decisions can have positive results.

You can find a nice summary of the evidence on pages 3 and 4 of Tool 9. We will talk more about this in Module 4.

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SAY: Using decision aids can:

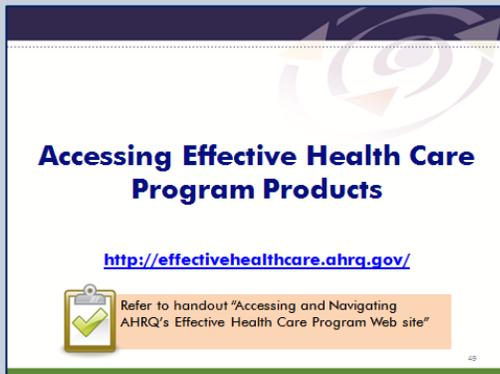
- Improve patient knowledge regarding their options
- Reduce patients’ decisional conflict
- Increase patients’ active role in decision making
- Improve accurate risk perceptions of possible benefits and harms among patients
- Increase the likelihood that patients’ choices are more consistent with their informed values
- Enhance communication between patients and their clinicians

Some evidence suggests that using decision aids in shared decision making also has the potential

to improve patient outcomes. For example, a number of studies have shown that it can improve treatment adherence.

ACCESSING EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM PRODUCTS

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DO: Distribute the **Accessing Effective Health Care Programs Product Fact Sheet**.

SAY: Now let's spend a little bit of time talking about how you can access AHRQ Effective Health Care Program content online.

Let's refer to our handout, **Accessing and Navigating AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program Web site** now. You will find it at the end of Module 2 in your notebook. We'll spend a bit of time going over navigation now. We won't be going through the handout page by page, but rather highlight several areas.

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SAY: The best way to get familiar with the site is to visit it and begin navigating around the site when you have a few minutes to spare once you get back to your job site.

Go to www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov. The Web address is on page 1 of the handout and also on your bookmark.

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Are you familiar with AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program?



Have any of you ever visited this Web site?

Have you used any of these resources before?

ASK: Have any of you ever visited this Web site? Have you used any of these resources before?

SAY: All of the Effective Health Care Program materials can be obtained and viewed online.

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Refer to page 3 of handout

SAY: Let's turn to page 3 of your handout. To find plain language materials for you and your patients, you will click on **Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers** from the left-hand navigation bar.

Clicking on this link takes you to a page that highlights the varied topics for which you will find resources.

As mentioned, there are about 60 clinician summaries available on a variety of topics. Most of these have companion patient materials available in English and Spanish.

So, for example, if you select "Heart and Blood Vessel Conditions," it takes you down the page to the list of available summaries.

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Refer to page 4 of handout

SAY: This slide information can be found on **page 4 of your handout**.

The far left column shows available consumer summaries for patients. The middle column shows the corresponding clinician summary.

Now, if you select to view a particular consumer summary, for example, the one titled, "Choosing Medicines for High Blood Pressure," you will be routed to the following page.

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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
www.hhs.gov

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Effective Health Care Program
Helping You Make Better Treatment Choices

Consumer Summary - Oct. 24, 2011
Choosing Medications for High Blood Pressure: A Review of the Research on ACEs, ARBs, and CCBs

Tools and Resources

Refer to page 5 of handout

SAY: On page 5 of the handout, you'll see you can view or print a PDF version of this patient resource in English and Spanish.

Or you can even listen to an English or Spanish audio version of this consumer summary.

If you want to see related resources or the full comprehensive report, just click on the links on the right hand side of the page as shown in this slide.

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Tools and Resources

Refer to page 8 of handout

SAY: Now look on the far left column on **page 8 in your handout**. You would click “Tools and Resources” to access other tools and resources from the home page. This is how you'd view AHRQ's **Interactive Patient Decision Aids** or **Clinician Continuing Education Modules**.

Again, you can surf the Web site when you get back to the office and use this handout for a quick reference if needed.

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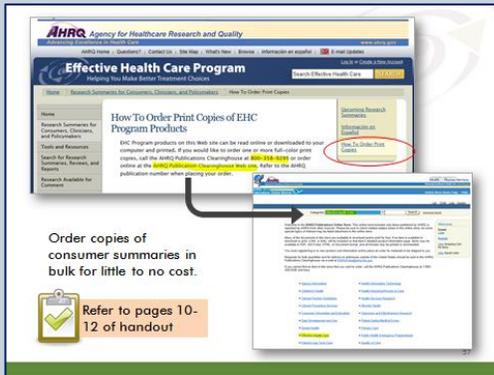
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Tools and Resources

Refer to page 9 of handout

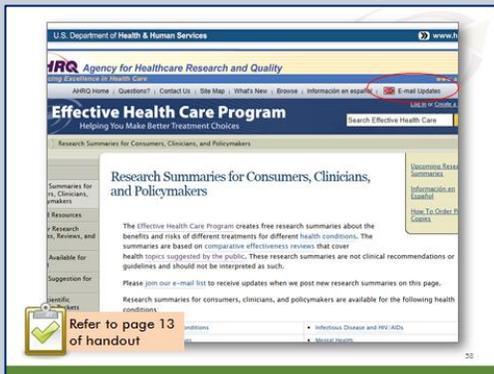
SAY: Turn to **page 9 in your handout**. From the “Tools and Resources” page, you will be able to click on resources that you are specifically interested in.

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SAY: Pages 10-12 in your handout describe how to order print copies. You can order print copies of all Effective Health Care Program products through the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse. For example, you may want to order bulk print copies of specific consumer summaries in English or Spanish to distribute to patients who visit your clinic. The process is easy; either order online or call the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse.

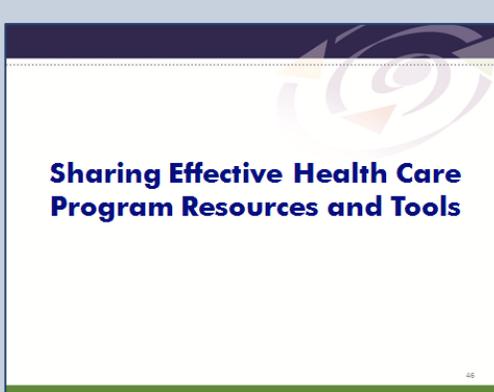
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SAY: Page 13 of your handout shows you how to sign up for email updates to stay updated on research and resources from the Effective Health Care Program. You can receive email alerts when new clinician and consumer summaries become available.

NOTE: Instructor, let group know if you have signed up for the email updates.

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SAY: Let's briefly talk about further sharing these materials.

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Effective Health Care Program activities

- ▶ Evidence synthesis
 - Conducting systematic reviews of existing evidence to compare treatment/intervention effectiveness and identifying relevant knowledge gaps
- ▶ Translation
 - Translating PCOR findings into plain language resources and tools for patients, providers, and policymakers
- ▶ **Dissemination and Implementation**
 - **Ensuring the tools and resources get into the hands of the people who need them**

SAY: The Effective Health Care Program works to ensure the PCOR findings and translation products get into the hands of the people who need them. AHRQ uses a variety of strategies and channels to do so. This workshop is one of those channels.

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Effective Health Care Program activities

- ▶ Through its dissemination and implementation efforts, AHRQ and the Effective Health Care Program have distributed :
 - More than 4 million PCOR products
 - Awarded more than 60,000 CME/CE certificates

SAY: Through its dissemination and implementation efforts, AHRQ and the Effective Health Care Program have distributed more than 4 million PCOR products and awarded more than 60,000 continuing education certificates.

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Key takeaways

- ▶ The primary goal of PCOR is to help inform patients, health care providers, and others as they make health care decisions.
- ▶ AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program offers a variety of evidence-based PCOR resources for health providers and patients to support shared decision making.
- ▶ You can access the materials by ordering or by downloading online.

SAY: To review, in **Module 2: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research** we have discussed that the key information includes:

The primary goal of PCOR is to help inform patients, health care providers, and others as they make health care decisions.

AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program offers a variety of evidence-based PCOR resources for health providers and patients to support shared decision making.

And finally, you can access these resources online or by ordering them from AHRQ's Publications Clearinghouse.

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Citations

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Module 2 Handout

Accessing and Navigating AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program Web Site

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Accessing the Effective Health Care Program Web Site

The Effective Health Care Program is available online at:

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Effective Health Care Program website. At the top, there is a navigation bar for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (www.hhs.gov) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (www.ahrq.gov). Below this is a search bar and a "SEARCH" button. The main heading reads "Effective Health Care Program" with the tagline "Helping You Make Better Treatment Choices".

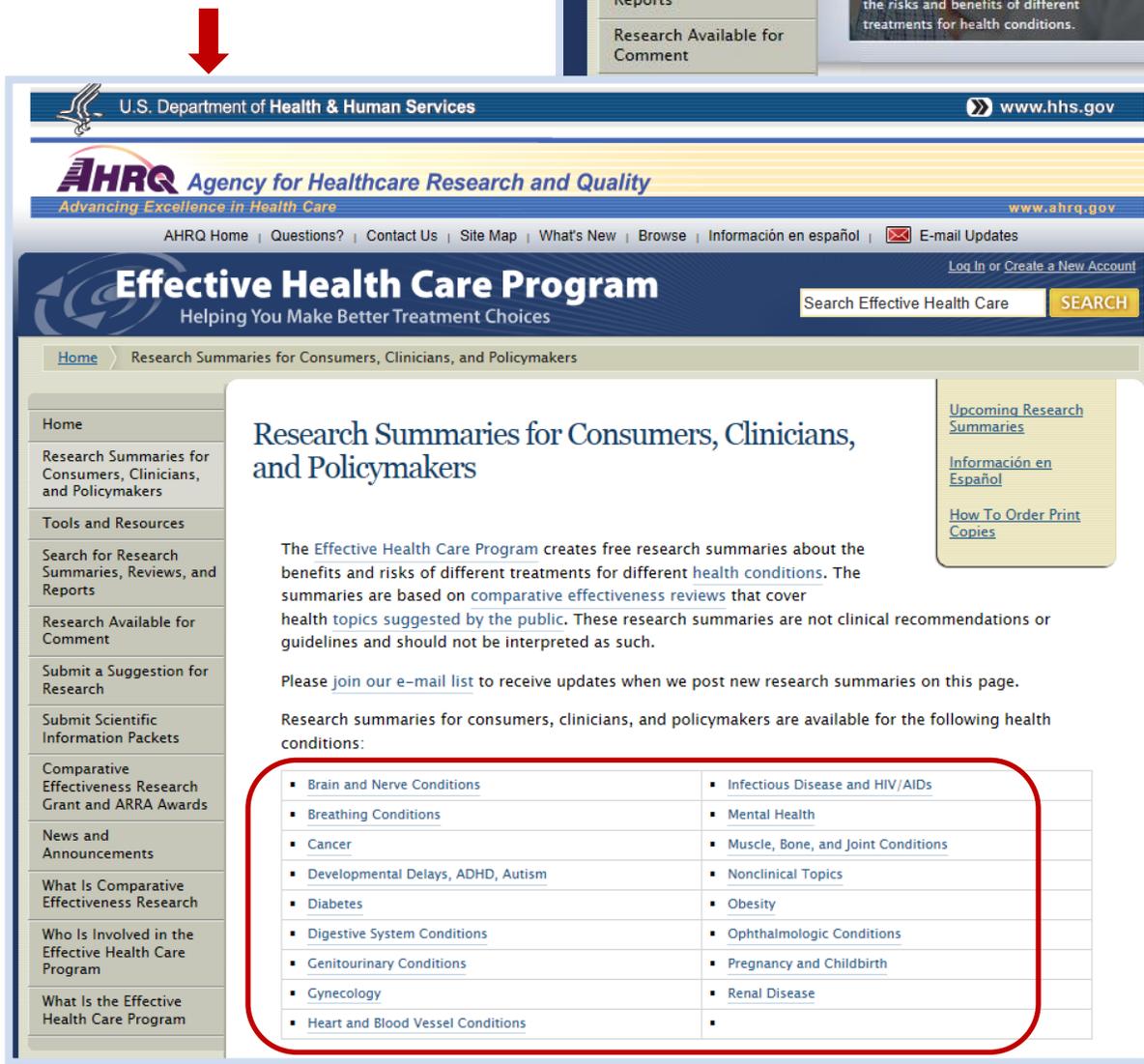
The page is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** A vertical menu with links to Home, Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers, Tools and Resources, Search for Research Summaries, Reviews, and Reports, Research Available for Comment, Submit a Suggestion for Research, Submit Scientific Information Packets, Comparative Effectiveness Research Grant and ARRA Awards, News and Announcements, What Is Comparative Effectiveness Research, Who Is Involved in the Effective Health Care Program, and What Is the Effective Health Care Program. At the bottom of the sidebar are links for Site Map and Glossary of Terms.
- Main Content Area:**
 - FREE CONSUMER RESEARCH SUMMARIES:** A featured section with a photo of an elderly man. Text includes "Sign Up for Methods Research Updates", "Interactive Patient Decision Aids", "Free Consumer Research Summaries", and "See What's New in CME/CE".
 - Bone Marrow or Blood Stem Cell Transplants in Children:** A section with a photo of a woman holding a child. It includes a "Clinician Summary" and "Consumer Summaries" for Autoimmune Disorders or Rare Cancers and Rare Metabolic Diseases.
 - Now Open for Comment:** A list of draft documents and white papers, including "Decision Aids for People Facing Treatment or Screening Decisions Relevant to Early Cancer" and "Use of Quality Measures and Improved Outcomes in the Seriously Mentally Ill".
 - News and Announcements:** A list of recent news items, such as "Product Announcements" (July 9, 2014), "Improving Cultural Competence to Reduce Health Disparities for Priority Populations -- Research Protocol" (July 8, 2014), "Antidepressant Treatment of Depression During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period -- Final Report" (July 2, 2014), and "Models of Cancer Survivorship Care -- Disposition of Comments Report" (July 1, 2014).
 - Most Popular:** A list of popular resources, including "Researcher Tools" (Horizon Scan Status Update), "Abstract - Final Registry of Patient Registries", "Overview" (Methods Guide for Effectiveness and Comparative Effectiveness Reviews), "Research Report - Final Registries for Evaluating Patient Outcomes: A User's Guide: 3rd Edition", and "Most Viewed This Week" (Consumer Summary: Tratamientos para el colesterol alto: Guía para adultos).

Accessing Consumer and Clinician Treatment Summaries

To find plain language materials for you and your patients, click on “Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers” from the left-hand navigation bar.

This will take you to a page listing the primary topics for AHRQ Treatment Summaries.



Select your topic of interest to see available treatment summaries.

Policymaker Summaries (when available) are listed in the right panel.

Clinician Summaries are listed in the middle panel of the page.

Companion **Consumer Summaries** are listed on the left panel of the page.

Consumer Summaries are also available in **Spanish**.

Heart and Blood Vessel Conditions		
Consumer Summaries	Clinician Summaries	Policymaker Summaries
Taking Dietary Supplements With Heart, Blood Pressure, or Cholesterol Medicines: A Review of the Research for Adults (En Español) Apr. 10, 2013 AHRQ Pub. No. 12(13)-EHC021-A	Use Versus Nonuse of Dietary Supplements in Adults Taking Cardiovascular Drugs Apr. 10, 2013 AHRQ Pub. No. 12(13)-EHC021-3	
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Measuring Your Blood Pressure at Home: A Review of the Research for Adults (En Español) Feb. 22, 2012 AHRQ Pub. No. 12-EHC002-A	Effectiveness of Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring in Adults With Hypertension Feb. 22, 2012 AHRQ Pub. No. 12-EHC002-3	
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	Utilization and Clinical Data on In-Hospital Off-Label Uses of Recombinant Factor VIIa Oct. 29, 2010 AHRQ Pub. No. 10(11)-EHC030-3	

Accessing Consumer Materials

Below is an example of what you will see if you were to select AHRQ's "Choosing Medicines for High Blood Pressure" summary.

This view presents an HTML view of the selected Consumer Summary. You can also access (1) a [PDF summary](#), (2) an [MP3 audio](#) of the summary, (3) a [Spanish summary](#), and (4) various other related materials.

The screenshot displays the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program website. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo and the AHRQ logo with the tagline "Advancing Excellence in Health Care". Navigation links include "AHRQ Home", "Questions?", "Contact Us", "Site Map", "What's New", "Browse", "Información en español", and "E-mail Updates". A search bar is present with the text "Search Effective Health Care" and a "SEARCH" button. The main heading is "Effective Health Care Program" with the subtitle "Helping You Make Better Treatment Choices".

The main content area shows a "Consumer Summary - Oct. 24, 2011" for the topic "Choosing Medicines for High Blood Pressure: A Review of the Research on ACEIs, ARBs, and DRIs". Under the "Formats" section, there are three options: "View PDF (PDF) 447 kB", "Download Audio (MP3) 4.5 MB", and "En Español". A yellow highlight is drawn around the "Download Audio" link. Below the formats is a link for "Help with Viewers, Players, and Plug-ins".

The "Table of Contents" section includes links for "Is This Information Right for Me?", "About Your Condition", "About Your Options", "Making a Decision", and "Source".

The "Is This Information Right for Me?" section contains a "Yes, if:" heading followed by a list of conditions: "Your doctor says you have high blood pressure." and "Your doctor asked you to consider taking one or more of these medicines:", which includes "Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs)" and "Angiotensin II receptor blockers/antagonists (ARBs)".

On the right side, there are several related materials sections: "EHC Component EPC Project", "Topic Title Comparative Effectiveness of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs), Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs), and Direct Renin Inhibitors for Treating Essential Hypertension - An Update of the 2007 Report", "Full Report Research Review (Update) Jun. 13, 2011", "Related Products for this Topic Research Protocol May 7, 2010", "Disposition of Comments Report Oct. 7, 2011", "Slide Presentation Aug. 14, 2013", "CME Activity Nov. 24, 2013", "Clinician Summary Oct. 24, 2011", and "La Guías Sumaria de los Consumidores Jan. 17, 2012".

A left sidebar contains navigation links such as "Home", "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers", "Tools and Resources", "Search for Research Summaries, Reviews, and Reports", "Research Available for Comment", "Submit a Suggestion for Research", "Submit Scientific Information Packets", "Comparative Effectiveness Research Grant and ARRA Awards", "News and Announcements", "What Is Comparative Effectiveness Research", "Who Is Involved in the Effective Health Care Program", and "What Is the Effective Health Care Program". At the bottom of the sidebar are "Site Map" and "Glossary of Terms".

Accessing Clinician Materials

Follow the steps outlined for accessing “Consumer” materials. Except now select the “Clinician Summary” of interest.

See example below.

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This will take you to a similar HTML page.

You can also access a [PDF summary](#) and various other related materials.

See sample below.

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The primary article is titled "ACEIs, ARBs, or DRI for Adults With Hypertension" and is dated "Oct. 24, 2011". It is categorized under "EHC Component EPC Project". The "Topic Title" is "Comparative Effectiveness of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs), Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs), and Direct Renin Inhibitors for Treating Essential Hypertension – An Update of the 2007 Report". A "Full Report" link is available, dated "Jun. 13, 2011".

The "Table of Contents" includes the following items:

- [Research Focus for Clinicians](#)
- [Background](#)
- [Conclusions](#)
- [Clinical Bottom Line](#)
- [Additional Information on Adverse Effects](#)
- [Gaps in Knowledge](#)
- [Patient Cost Information](#)
- [What To Discuss With Your Patients](#)
- [Resource for Patients](#)
- [Source](#)

The "Research Focus for Clinicians" section begins with the text: "Among the many medications for antihypertensive therapy are those aimed at inhibiting or blocking the renin-angiotensin system (RAS). A systematic review of 110 clinical studies published between 1988 and 2010 sought to determine the comparative effectiveness, benefits, and adverse effects of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs), angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), and a direct renin inhibitor (DRI) for adults with hypertension. The report does not review studies comparing: individual drugs within each class, evidence about using these drugs for congestive heart failure or diabetic kidney

Additional related products for this topic include:

- [Research Protocol](#) May 7, 2010
- [Disposition of Comments Report](#) Oct. 7, 2011
- [Slide Presentation](#) Aug. 14, 2013
- [CME Activity](#) Nov. 24, 2013
- [Consumer Summary](#) Oct. 24, 2011
- [La Guías Sumaria de los Consumidores](#) Jan. 17, 2012
- [Executive Summary](#) Jun. 13, 2011

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- Who Is Involved in the Effective Health Care Program
- What Is the Effective Health Care Program

At the bottom of the sidebar, there are links for "Site Map", "Glossary of Terms", "Contact the Effective Health Care Program", and "Join the E-mail List".

Finding Other Tools and Resources

From the Effective Health Care Program Home page, navigate to the “Tools and Resources” page.

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This will take you to a page where you can access:

- Patient decision aids
- Continuing education activities
- A training slide library
- Webcasts
- Varied other resources

See below.

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What Is the Effective Health Care Program

Tools and Resources

The Effective Health Care Program develops a wide array of products from its patient centered outcomes research. These products include tools and resources to help consumers, clinicians, policymakers, and others make more informed health care decisions. The Program also produces products for researchers and others interested in the systematic study of evidence and research methods.

Looking for an Effective Health Care Program review or report? Search for Guides, Reviews, and Reports.

See Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians and Policymakers for plain language reviews of Effective Health Care Program published research studies.

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) also has a resource for specialized searches of published research as well as research in progress related to comparative effectiveness research. To access this resource, go to: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/ce/cerqueries.html>.

Patient Decision Aids

Recently added:

Taking Control: Non-surgical Treatment Options for Urinary Incontinence in Women
 See all Patient Decision Aids...

CME/CE Activities

Recently added:

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How to Order Print Copies of Consumer/Clinician Materials

From the Effective Health Care Program home page, select the “**Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers**” left hand navigation bar.

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On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following items:

- Home
- Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers** (circled in red)
- Tools and Resources
- Search for Research Summaries, Reviews, and Reports
- Research Available for Comment
- Submit a Suggestion for Research

In the center, there is a banner for "Article Alert" with the text: "Weekly updates on articles published on systematic and comparative effectiveness review methods." To the right of the banner are several buttons:

- Sign Up for Methods Rese
- Interactive Patient Decis
- Free Consumer Research
- See What's New in CME/C

At the bottom of the page, there are two sections: "Now Open for Comment" and "News and Announc".

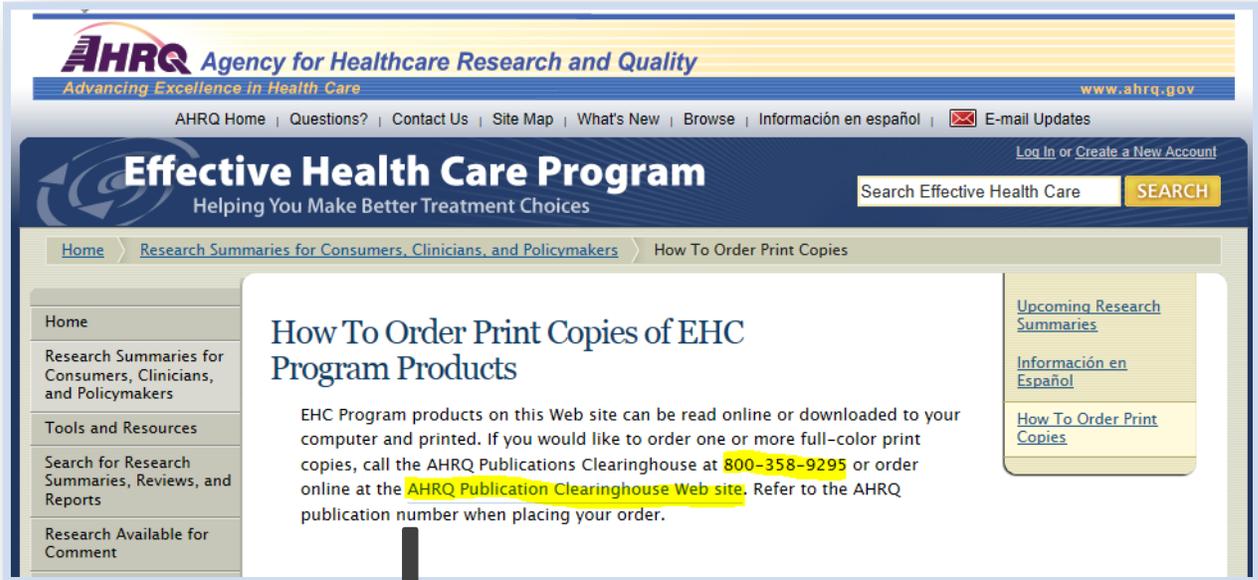
On the Research Summaries page, you will see a link that says “How to Order Print Copies” in the top right hand corner of the page.

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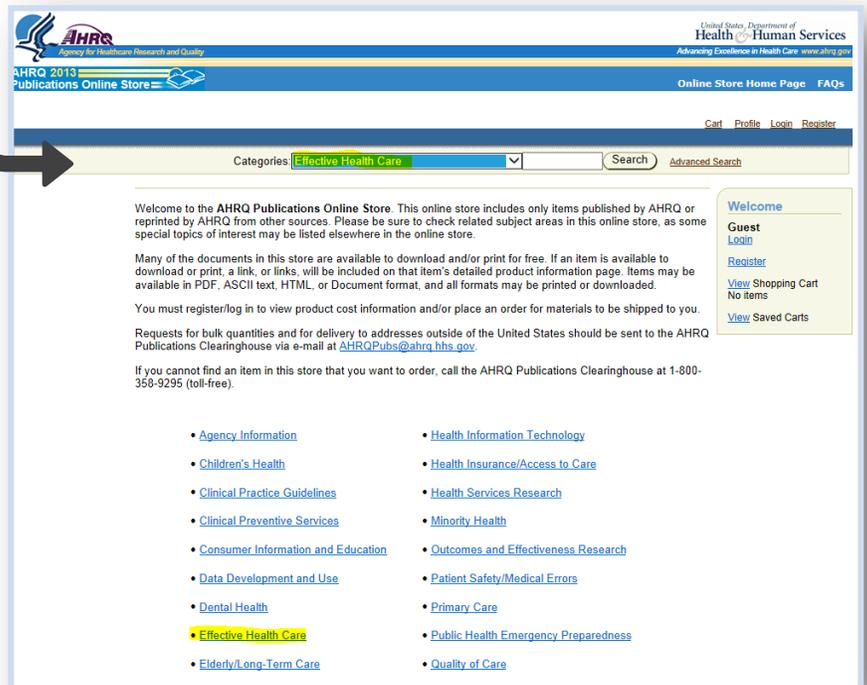
The screenshot shows the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program website. The header includes the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo and the AHRQ logo with the tagline "Advancing Excellence in Health Care". The main navigation bar features links for "AHRQ Home", "Questions?", "Contact Us", "Site Map", "What's New", "Browse", "Información en español", and "E-mail Updates". The "Effective Health Care Program" banner includes the tagline "Helping You Make Better Treatment Choices" and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers". A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with items like "Home", "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers", "Tools and Resources", "Search for Research Summaries, Reviews, and Reports", "Research Available for Comment", "Submit a Suggestion for Research", "Submit Scientific Information Packets", and "Comparative Effectiveness Research Grant and ARRA Awards". The main content area contains the title "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers" and a paragraph explaining the program's purpose. A sidebar on the right contains links for "Upcoming Research Summaries", "Información en Español", and "How To Order Print Copies", with the latter link circled in red. Below the main text, there is a section for "Research summaries for consumers, clinicians, and policymakers are available for the following health conditions:" followed by a table listing conditions.

▪ Brain and Nerve Conditions	▪ Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS
▪ Breathing Conditions	▪ Mental Health

This page provides further instructions for ordering print materials. This page provides a link to AHRQ's Publication Clearinghouse Web site (http://ahrqpubs.ahrq.gov/OA_HTML/ibeCZzpHome.jsp) to order materials online, or for the phone number (800-358-9295) to call to order publications you are interested in receiving.



Select "Effective Health Care" to view the list of these products.



Subscribe to Receive E-mail Updates

As shown below, click on the “E-mail Updates” link in the top banner of any page on the Effective Health Care Program Web site if you would like to receive e-mail updates when new clinician and patient resources become available.



The screenshot shows the top banner of the Effective Health Care Program website. The banner includes the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo, the AHRQ logo, and the text "Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality". Below this, there is a navigation menu with links for "AHRQ Home", "Questions?", "Contact Us", "Site Map", "What's New", "Browse", and "Información en español". The "E-mail Updates" link, accompanied by an envelope icon, is circled in red. To the right of the navigation menu, there are links for "Log In or Create a" and a search box labeled "Search Effective Health Care". Below the banner, the main content area features the heading "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers" and a sub-heading "Research Summaries for Consumers, Clinicians, and Policymakers". The text describes the program's mission and provides a link to "join our e-mail list". A table lists health conditions for which research summaries are available.

▪ Brain and Nerve Conditions	▪ Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDs
▪ Breathing Conditions	▪ Mental Health