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PCORI Update

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute is now soliciting applicants for two new panels - one on rare disease, the other on clinical trials. These panels, approved by PCORI's Board of Governors in mid-November, join four others established earlier this year.

Both of these new panels are called for in PCORI's authorizing legislation. Both will be comprised of members

representing a diverse range of researcher, clinician, patient and other healthcare stakeholder



Collaboration is key to patient-centered research

perspectives. You can read about the types of insights and experience

being sought for each panel and submit your application at: <http://www.pcori.org/get-involved/advisory-panels/>

PCORI's Pipeline to Proposal Awards program will be open to the Western Region of the United States for Tier I (up to \$15,000 for up to 9 months). This region covers 13 states - Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah,

Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education announces the agency's intention to establish a Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council (RRAC). Section 205(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, stipulates

that, "Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall establish in the Department of Education a Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council . . . composed of 12 members appointed by the Secretary." Section 205(b)

provides that the RRAC will advise the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) "with respect to research priorities and the development of the 5-year plan." The Advisory Council

Research Opportunities Tables

Find out which OT interventions are priority research areas and get help developing research topics by using AOTA's new Research Opportunities Tables. The tables will help minimize duplication of research efforts, stimulate discussions among researchers, and facilitate research networks and multi-site studies.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.aota.org/researchopportunitiesables>



PCORI Update (continued)

Washington, and Wyoming. This RFP for the first cycle of Tier I Pipeline to Proposal Awards will be managed in collaboration with the [Colorado Foundation for Public Health and the Environment \(CFPHE\)](#), the pilot Intermediate Funder for this effort. In early 2014, PCORI will announce additional opportunities to apply for Pipeline to Proposal Awards and will seek additional Intermediate Funders to assist with managing Pipeline to Proposal Awards in other areas of the country.

Tier I awards will provide seed money to help build capacity and engage community around a common healthcare research interest. For more information, visit: <http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/pipeline-to-proposal-awards/>

PCORI also will announce funding for obesity interventions in 2014. This would be another opportunity for occupational therapy researchers to partner with other re-

searchers because of our expertise with developing healthy routines and habits and customize physical activities. Incorporating patients' input throughout the research process is critically important to PCORI, so plan your designs accordingly. Fortunately, patient-centered practices come naturally to occupational therapy practitioners and researchers.

Research Advisory Council (continued)



will be governed by provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L 92-463; as amended, 5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The Secretary of Education has determined that establishment of the Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council is desirable to provide advice and consultation to the NIDRR Director on how to improve NIDRR's responsiveness to the current state of the science and the needs of the stakeholder community. The Advisory Council will represent an important, regular forum through which consumers could interact with NIDRR and have direct input into the advice that guides NIDRR's work; will improve research outcomes by identifying new approaches,

promoting innovation, recognizing unforeseen risks or barriers, and identifying unintended consequences; will assist NIDRR in its efforts to formalize and document the structure of its long-range planning process; and will add stability and continuity to both NIDRR's long-range planning and priority-setting process. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act provisions found at 5 U.S.C. 102-3.60, the Department will file a charter. The Department is seeking nominations for membership on the Advisory Council consistent with the requirements listed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. Nominations should be submitted with a cover letter and include the nominee's contact information (current mailing address, email address, fax, and telephone number) and current curriculum vitae or resume. Address the cover letter as follows: Honorable Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education,

400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202.

DATES: Submit nominations by email no later than close of business on December 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be emailed to the Office of the Secretary/White House Liaison Office, whitehouseliaison@ed.gov. Note in the subject line "Nomination-RRAC".

To see full notice in Federal Register, visit:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-18/pdf/2013-30087.pdf>

**Submit
nominations
for the
Rehabilitation
Research
Advisory
Council, which
shall advise the
Director of
NIDRR by Dec.
30, 2013**



AOTA Researcher Database

Is your research in the [Occupational Therapy Researcher Database](#)? Help AOTA advocate for occupational therapy by entering your research projects. We especially welcome funded projects. We will search the database when we need to find research to inform policy and advocate for research funding and re-

imbursement for occupational therapy services. For instructions and link, please visit:

http://www.aota.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/Practice/Researcher/RDatabase_Info_April2013.ashx

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[Research News and Resources group in OT Connections](#)

http://otconnections.aota.org/more_groups/advocacy_and_leadership/research_news_and_resources/default.aspx

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AOTA Conference April 3-6, 2014

Mark your calendars for [AOTA Conference](#) in Baltimore, MD. Institutes start on April 2 (Wed.). Here are two research-related sessions:

SC 311 (AOTA) Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI): Mission and Research Opportunities

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014, Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: CC 345-346

SC 342 (AOTA/AOTF) NICHD Funding Opportunities for Human-Animal Interaction Research Related to Child Development, Health and Therapeutic Interventions

Date: April 5, 2014 Time: 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Location: CC 328

To register for conference or browse the conference schedule, please visit:

<http://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/Annual2014.aspx>