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Dear James,

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) issued for public comment today our first draft [National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda](#). The priorities and agenda provide a framework and identify the broad questions that must be addressed so that patients can make better and more personalized decisions in partnership with their clinicians across all areas of health.

Our initial research agenda is not prescriptive about which conditions or treatments to study. It is a starting point. We hope that patients and other stakeholders will join with us in the coming months as we apply this framework to identify the specific questions that are most important for PCORI to address.

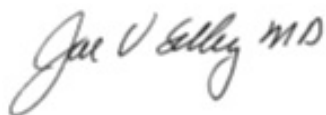
The public comment period will remain open until 11:59 p.m. EST on March 15. PCORI encourages individuals to provide comment through its website, but will also accept input by mail. Responses received through www.pcori.org will be displayed for public view on the website.

PCORI is holding additional forums to obtain and incorporate public feedback on the draft National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda. These forums include focus groups, involving patients, caregivers and clinicians, as well as a national dialogue session on February 27 in Washington, D.C. The dialogue is open to the public and will be accessible through a webcast and teleconference to allow individuals to participate remotely.

After reviewing public comments and other feedback, PCORI will publish a report that summarizes the input with an explanation of how it led to changes in the draft priorities and agenda. The PCORI Board of Governors then must adopt the priorities and agenda before we can issue primary funding announcements.

We are looking to you to help shape our national priorities and research agenda. We look forward to your feedback as we build on the work of others. We hope to craft the most patient-centered research agenda yet devised.

Sincerely,



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