

Evidence with Impact for Healthcare Decisions

Patients make choices about health care every day, but often lack the evidence to choose care that best meets their needs. That can mean greater burdens on them, their families, and the healthcare system.

Here are examples of how PCORI-funded studies can help patients choose care that is right for them, improving outcomes they care about, reducing unnecessary treatments and costs.

Parents and caregivers can avoid losing thousands of hours of work time per year nationally if children with serious infections receive oral instead of IV antibiotics after they leave the hospital.

Using a simple decision aid can help many patients with chest pain safely avoid unnecessary hospitalizations for follow-up testing. That can mean significant savings.

Reducing daily blood sugar testing for people with type 2 diabetes not on insulin doesn't affect patients' health and provides significant savings in healthcare costs.

For stroke survivors who have atrial fibrillation, treatment with a blood thinner after leaving the hospital can prevent recurrent strokes and give patients more time at home.

With more useful, reliable information, patients, clinicians, employers, payers, and others can make decisions about care that improve outcomes patients care about and make the best use of healthcare resources.