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From the Academy President

Academy CEO Cheryl Sullivan and I recently met with representatives from PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute), which was authorized by the Affordable Care Act with mandated funding of $3.5 billion through September 30, 2019.

The purpose of PCORI is to support comparative effectiveness research that matters to patients and is guided by consumers, caregivers and stakeholders.

We are pleased that Academy fellow Debra Barksdale serves on the governing board and chairs the Engagement, Dissemination, and Implementation Committee and the Scientific Publications Subcommittee. Fellow Robin Newhouse is chair of the Methodology Committee (she is featured in a PCORI video). But PCORI would like greater involvement by nurses. It’s an important opportunity to access funding for some of the comparative studies of nursing interventions and dissemination work that many of us have talked about over the years. Here are opportunities that you should consider:

1. Sign up for the regular e-mails that provide updates on PCORI activities and opportunities.
2. Submit your name for appointment to an advisory panel or a review panel. The Academy will nominate you if you tell us you’re interested in serving. Right now, PCORI is highly interested in nurses who can review proposals on obesity.
3. Submit a proposal for funding. PCORI’s funding priorities are assessment of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options; improving healthcare systems; communication and dissemination; addressing disparities; and accelerating patient-centered outcomes research and methodological research. These are all areas that nurse researchers can address.

We will be highlighting PCORI opportunities in future FAAN Mails. But don’t wait to take advantage of this opportunity to get involved in an exciting new approach to comparative effectiveness research.

Diana J. Mason
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President

Policy Update
The Academy co-signed a letter with the National Women’s Law Center and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to urge the Senate Armed Services Committee to include S. 1944, the TRICARE Moms Improvement Act of 2014, in the National Defense Authorization Act for 2014. This legislation would extend coverage of breastfeeding supports and supplies to military families and, by extension, the benefits of successful breastfeeding to military women and their infants.

Academy Hangout: Issues Facing Medicare

The Academy's Acute & Critical Care and Aging Expert Panels co-hosted a webinar addressing the implications “observation status” has on access, cost and quality of care for Medicare recipients. 

Watch the Hangout »

Now Accepting Abstracts

Conference Registration is now open

Reception Sponsorships

Hotel Rooms are available.

Affiliate Reception Form

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available.

Induction Ceremony Table Sponsorships Form

Purchase extra tickets for the Living Legends or Induction Ceremonies

Edge Runner Application

Do you know a nurse that has demonstrated innovative models of care? Nominate them as a Raise the Voice Edge Runner. To be considered this quarter, applications must be submitted by May 31, 2014. Learn more »

Nurse Leader in Aging Applications

Nominate a leader in gerontological nursing. Applications are due TODAY!!!
Thank You April Supporters

The Academy would like to thank the following for their recent contributions to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund:

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By making a gift of $1,000 or greater, the Academy would like to welcome the following to the 2014 President's Circle:

- Billye Brown
- Laura Caramanica
- Diana Mason
- Pamela Mitchell

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Fellow Achievements

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Awards

At its annual assembly with the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, gave the following awards to Academy fellows:

- Leading the Way Award: **Nessa Coyle**, PhD, ACHPN, FAAN
- Distinguished Career Achievement Award: **Judith A. Paice**, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Distinguished Researcher Award: **Judith Gedney Baggs**, PhD, RN, FAAN

Marion E. Broome, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named dean of the Duke University School of Nursing. Broome is the current editor-in-chief of Nursing Outlook, the official journal of the American Academy of Nursing and the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science.

Career Opportunities

Wayne State University  
Dean, College of Nursing

Wayne State University (WSU) invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Nursing. Please direct all inquiries, expressions of interest, and nominations in confidence to Stephanie Fidel or Amy Segal at Isaacson, Miller via [www.imsearch.com/5035](http://www.imsearch.com/5035). Wayne State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

[See new opportunities on the Academy site](#)  
Have an opportunity to share with fellows?
Early Bird Registration is now open, and ends on July 15.