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PIPC Presents at PCORI Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Kathleen Teixeira from AGA stresses strong provider role in patient-centered research

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kathleen Teixeira from the [American Gastroenterological Association \(AGA\)](#) [spoke](#) on behalf of the [Partnership to Improve Patient Care \(PIPC\)](#) yesterday at a meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI) Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. Teixeira stressed the strong role that physicians and other providers must play in achieving patient-centered outcomes research, recommended steps to ensure providers are engaged in PCORI's work, and recommended changes to PCORI's draft definition of "patient-centered outcomes research."

Commending the Institute's board for taking steps to advance a patient-centered research program, Teixeira said that achieving this goal "will require strong, ongoing involvement from physicians and other care providers."

"If a study is not asking a question that is relevant to the needs of patients and providers, no amount of effort will enable you to communicate the results in a way that is useful to providers," Teixeira added.

On behalf of PIPC, Teixeira asked the PCORI Board to consider creating expert panels of practicing physicians and other providers to ensure needed clinical expertise is available to the Institute. She also recommended changes to the draft definition of patient-centered outcomes research — the definition should align with the Institute's research mandate defined in statute, and should be research that is "intended to help patients make informed healthcare decisions" and is "responsive to the expressed needs and preferences of patients and their care providers."

PIPC Chairman Tony Coelho, who also attended the meeting said, "PCORI continues to make progress in establishing a patient-centered research program. I'm especially pleased with their commitment to create a high-level PCORI staff position to engage with patients, consumers and people with disabilities and ensure the Institute achieves its patient-centered mandate. We look forward to continuing working with the Institute to establish sound policies and open, transparent procedures in support of research that is rigorous, objective and patient-centered."

About PIPC

The Partnership to Improve Patient Care was formed in November 2008 to support proposals to expand the government's role in comparative effectiveness research that are centered on patient and provider needs; raise awareness about the value of well-designed CER; and promote the important role of continued medical innovation as part of the solution to cost and quality challenges in health care. Partnership members include a wide range of health care organizations representing patient, provider and industry advocacy groups.

About AGA

The American Gastroenterological Association is the trusted voice of the GI community. Founded in 1897, the AGA has grown to include 17,000 members from around the globe who are involved in all aspects of the science, practice and advancement of gastroenterology. The AGA Institute administers the practice, research and educational programs of the organization. www.gastro.org.