



2026 GPC Learning Engagement Conference

PAC Breakout
1:30-2:45 PM

Greater Plains Collaborative

Agenda



	Call to Order
	PCORI Infrastructure Funding
	Payment options
	Common Engagement Model
	Day 2 of LEC
	Announcements and next steps

WELCOME!



Guidelines for interacting with one another:

Derived from the GPC Patient Advisory Handbook –
Engagement Meeting Norms



We will treat each other with **dignity** and **respect**.

We will use **first names** with one another, recognizing that we are all equal participants.

We will strive to be **genuine** with one another.

We will ***listen*** well.

We will remember that **respect** and **trust** are key.

We will do our best to remain **open-minded**, recognizing that **we are a part of the whole**

We will **care** for one another.

PCORI[®] Infrastructure Funding



How does it work?

The Greater Plains Collaborative (GPC) is a Network Partner (Clinical Research Network) in PCORnet® which has been developed with funding from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute® (PCORI®).



What does “infrastructure funding” mean?

Build infrastructure and/or capacity of people in various roles in order to enhance the ability of researchers to answer questions that are meaningful to people with lived conditions and those that love them.



What can we do with infrastructure funding?

Many things

- Build data networks
- Build engagement networks
- Train staff and others in their roles in managing and maintaining the network
- Support the expansion of opportunities within a specific role or roles
- Provide generalized feedback/suggest tools to investigators when requested



Front Door Engagement Guidance

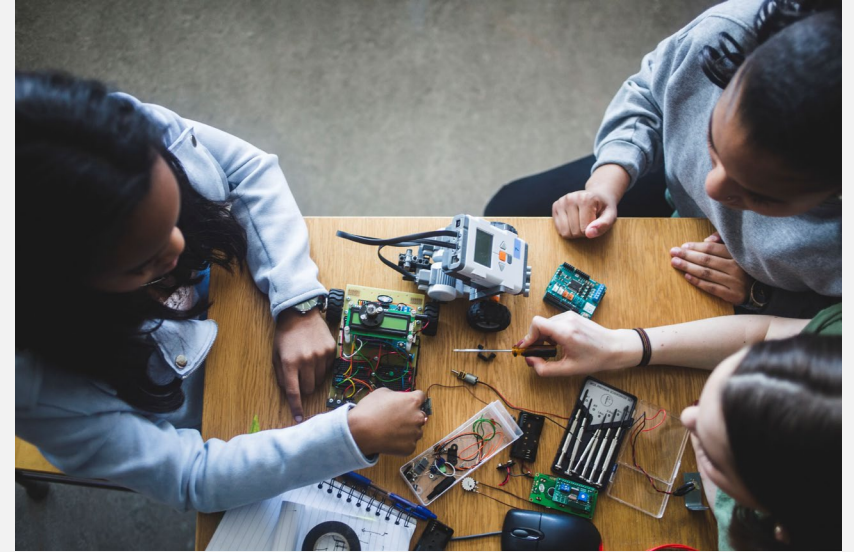
Type of Front Door Request	 A. Early “knock” looking to understand PCORnet and associated policies	 B. Prep to Research or “Rapid Query”	 C. Small data projects that only involve simple queries that provide results to Coordinating Center (CC) as amalgamated patient counts	 D. Data projects that plan to use de-identified or limited Private Health Information patient-level data from multiple sites. No plan to review charts or look at identifiable information	 E. Data projects that plan to use identifiable patient level data from multiple sites. May also plan to review charts	 F. Observational or Interventional Studies that involve patients (including studies that have waiver of consent)
ALL REQUESTS	• CC provides basic resources about PCORnet, PCORnet principals and capacity (including information related to Engagement) • CC offers initial meeting with Front Door Staff to answer questions. Engagement Core staff attend initial call for calls involving patient-level data or patient recruitment • CC sends the PCORnet overview slide deck as well as the engagement recommendation and offer consultative support/another meeting as needed					
Additional CC Cores involved		• CC connects with Query Fulfillment (QF) team (if project meets criteria for a rapid query by Front Door) • CC posts all query activity and results on iMeet • Once a quarter, the CC explicitly sends the report to all committees (similar to what is currently done for the Study Designation reports) • Quarterly list of Front Door Queries is provided to the Engagement Committee and CC Engagement Core for Review		• CC connects with Common Data Model (CDM) and QF teams as needed • The CC Engagement Core will review any study team plans, provide feedback, and suggest an appropriate plan for engagement		
Recommended Engagement Activities for Study Team	A. and B. Engagement activities encouraged		C. Engagement activities encouraged, recommend a stakeholder dissemination plan	D. Recommend a Minimal Engagement Plan	E. Recommend a Medium Engagement Plan	F. Recommend a Comprehensive Engagement Plan
ALL STUDIES	Engagement Budget considerations: Stakeholder compensation, engagement coordinator effort, dissemination costs					
Minimal Engagement				• Dissemination to patients, other stakeholders AND • Individual input on design, implementation, interpretation, dissemination), OR • Group input (Community Engagement Studios, Chat Sessions, surveys, interviews, online polling, etc.)		
Medium Engagement					• Minimal Engagement, PLUS • Stakeholders involved in one or more: governance, leadership, design, implementation, dissemination • Stakeholders as co-authors/co-presenters	
Comprehensive Engagement						• Medium Engagement, PLUS • Stakeholders involved in all phases of project (e.g., Co-I, consultant, study team, Advisory Council, etc.)

- *Note: The proposed strategies for stakeholder engagement are examples for each level of engagement. A project may have different approaches depending on the study being conducted and the stakeholders involved. Stakeholders often includes patients/caregivers, but can include clinicians, insurers, health system leaders, or policymakers depending on the project.

Where is the line, and how do we know when we've crossed it?

What we **CANNOT** do with infrastructure funds

- Development of research questions
- Development of engagement plans for research projects
- Refinement of a research question or the processes necessary for the completion of that process
 - Engagement plan
 - Recruitment
 - Research methods
 - Dissemination
 - Etc...



The GPC Learning Engagement Conference (LEC)

Rapid Pace funding – what it means for us if it is funded by PCORI or by others.

How do you want us to communicate opportunities?



Payment Options

- **New card – Taking MUCH longer than anticipated**
- **ACH (electronic bank transfer) – does the group want to go this way?**



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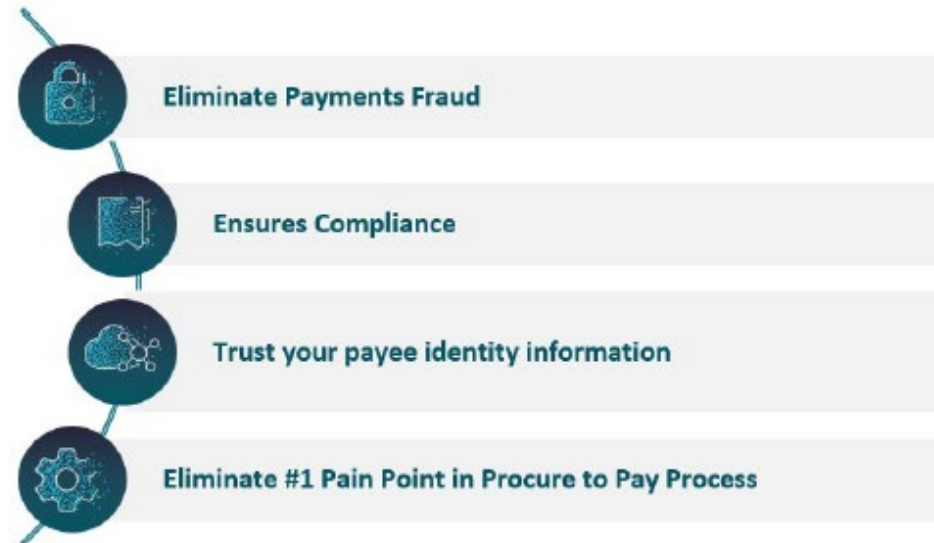
What is PaymentWorks?

A supplier management system that indemnifies supplier fraud and streamlines supplier Verification (confirms ownership).

PaymentWorks is a third-party platform that handles the collection, validation, & management of supplier information

PaymentWorks is used by many Higher Education Institutions

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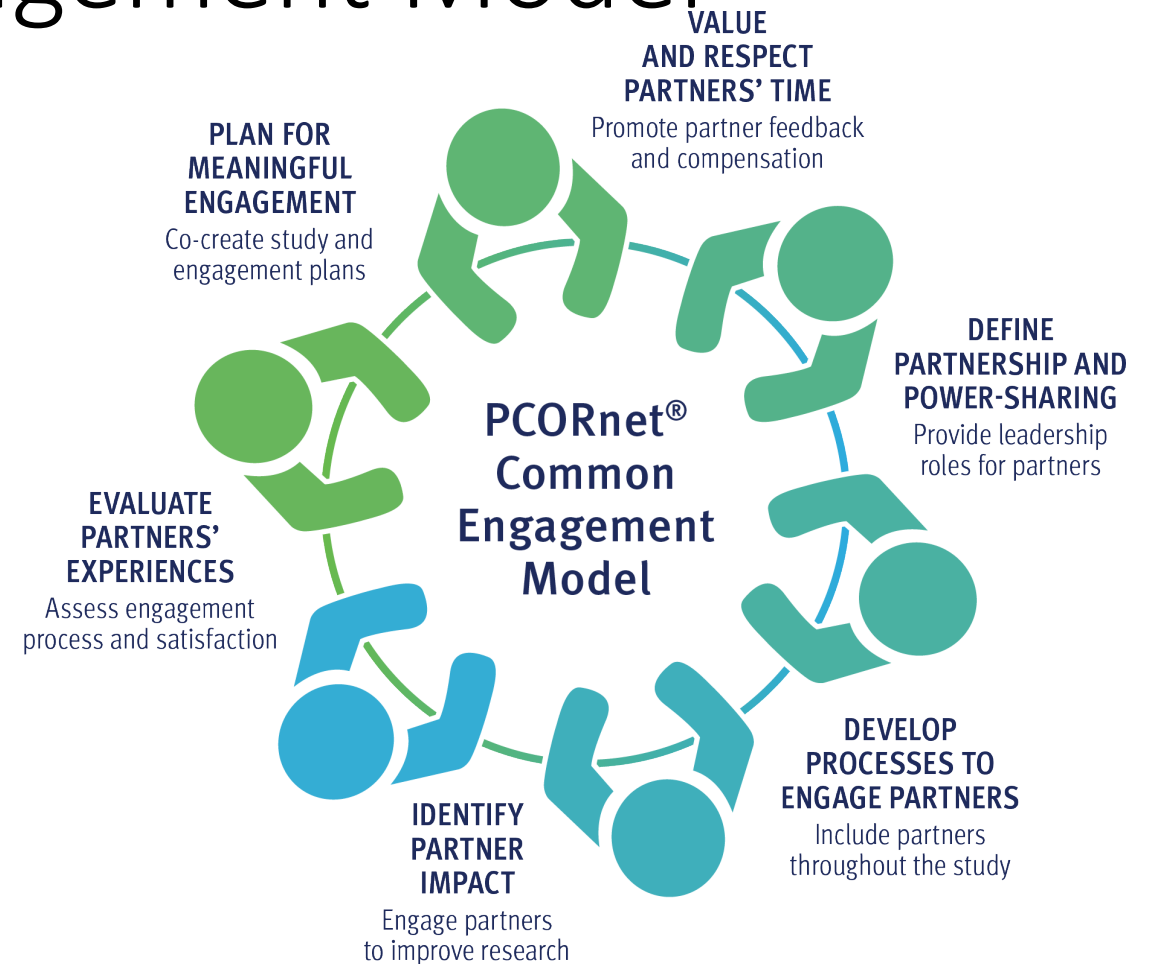


PaymentWorks Process



PCORnet® Common Engagement Model

- The PCORnet® Common Engagement Model (PCORnet® CEM) encompasses the minimal **expectations for patient and other partner engagement in PCORnet research and governance.**
- This gives patients and other community partners **a seat at the table in every PCORnet® Study** so they can engage as coequal collaborators with investigators and the study team.
- Studies that engage patient partners have demonstrated the power of PCORnet to **improve research questions, quality, and results.**



Tomorrow (Day 2)

Patient viewpoint – Patient partners will be asked to talk about their viewpoint for about 5 minutes or so. This grounds the conversation and roots it in the patient experience. This will be at the beginning of the sessions.

PURPOSE of the day: Hopefully, to find workable teams to pursue funding in the future. Remember, the idea is to identify TOPICS, not actual research questions. A single topic might generate multiple questions. We want to stop at the higher/broader level





Announcements/questions: