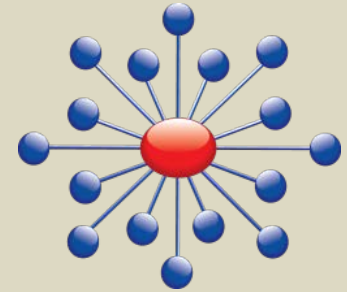


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Engaging Patients and Clinicians to Improve Patient-Centered Treatment Outcome: Stakeholders' Substance Use Research and Treatment Information Exchange

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# Aims: What We Wanted to Do

- To encourage PC treatment of addiction and to foster PC research by engaging physicians, patients, and other stakeholders (community representatives, patient advocates, agency personnel, etc.) in a learning venue:
  - To increase interaction and promote information exchange.
  - To develop and sustain a necessary infrastructure—the **Stakeholders' Substance Use Research and Treatment Information Exchange (SSURTIE)**.

# What We Did:

- We reviewed and re-reviewed the PCORI websites and internet announcements, descriptions, etc., to learn a new way of thinking about a new kind of research.
- We attended in-person workshops and online webinars.
- We learned about the important differences between NIH research and PCORI research.
- *Then* we started conceptualizing our project.
- We found a mechanism that fit our plan and we worked with PCORI staff to ensure that we addressed all issues in our application and responded to reviewer comments.

# What We Learned: So Far

- PCORI has a different orientation that requires a new way of thinking!
  - See patients and other stakeholders as *partners*
  - Seek input from PCORI staff assist along the way
  - Identify deliverables and specify means of production
  - Understand the contract approach to Funding
- Utilize all the training that is available: PCORI offers formal training (workshops, webinars), as well as informal tutorials with PCORI staff.