



Talking Points for Hill Visits

- Introduce yourself and where you are from.
- Thank you for taking the time to meet with me.
- I am here today to speak with you about the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute or PCORI.
- *[Ask the staffer how much they know about PCORI to get a sense of how much detail to provide]*
- PCORI was created by Congress a decade ago as an independent, non-profit, nongovernmental organization to fund comparative clinical effectiveness research.
- PCORI's research is unique and complementary to NIH (discovery), AHRQ (health services research), and FDA (safety and efficacy).
- PCORI is important to me/my institution/my organization *[insert how PCORI's research has been impactful]*.
- As of December 2018, PCORI has awarded more than \$2.4 billion in grants to more than 600 research-related projects.
- PCORI has invested *[insert amount]* in *[insert state]*. Find amount by state here - <https://www.pcori.org/about-us/fact-sheets/state-state-portfolios-pcori-funded-projects>.
- PCORI awards funding to study how different medications, treatments and delivery systems compare, so patients and their caregivers have the information they need to choose the health care and treatment options that are best for them.
- "Patient centered" is the guiding principle that drives PCORI's work. It engages patients and their caregivers, alongside clinicians and payers, throughout the research process, from reviewing proposals to helping guide studies and disseminate findings.
- PCORI-funded research is focused on pressing health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, opioid addiction, mental health, and cancer.
- PCORI's impact lies in its funded research that offers patients and caregivers the information they need to make better-informed healthcare decisions.
- Since PCORI began funding research in 2012, a growing number of funded studies are being reported in leading medical journals.
- Congress must take action to ensure that PCORI is reauthorized by September 30, 2019.
- Congress must act to ensure continued support for this critical research helping patients and providers make evidence-based health care decisions that work best for them.