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> Articles from 2017 PhRMA Foundation Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Conference Published by Research Journal

The *Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research* (CER) has published three articles highlighting the work and recommendations of a national conference aimed at advancing and improving CER, convened last year by the [PhRMA Foundation](#) and the [Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy](#).

The articles call for action steps that would help ensure that future clinical treatment decisions in U.S. health care be based more strongly on evidence of effectiveness and value than in the current system – which tends to favor the volume of interventions over the value of outcomes.

The three articles, all free and available for viewing online, are:

[“Comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research: enhancing uptake and use by patients, clinicians and payers.”](#) by Glen T. Schumock, et al.

[“Increasing uptake of comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research among stakeholders: insights from conference discussion.”](#) by Ernest Law, et al.

[“Nine years of comparative effectiveness research education and training: initiative supported by the PhRMA Foundation.”](#) by Emily Beth Devine, et al.

Made up of 70 health care experts and opinion leaders representing clinicians, patients, government, academia, and payers, the 2017 conference identified areas for CER improvement and developed formal recommendations for strengthening its impact. Authors of the three articles were among those participating at the conference.

Formal proceedings of the conference, titled [“Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: Enhancing Uptake and Use by Patients, Clinicians, and Payers.”](#) were published last year in a report by the PhRMA Foundation.

CER, which has gained attention over the past decade, helps facilitate decision-making and improve health outcomes by developing and disseminating evidence to patients, clinicians and other decision makers, about which interventions are most effective for a given application.

CER emphasizes understanding the comparative benefits and harms of treatments as used in actual clinical practice. This evidence is increasingly seen as a building block for shared decision-making that takes into account the trade-offs between the benefits and the potential harms of treatment options as viewed by the patient and their families, as well as healthcare professionals.

Please forward this information on to your colleagues who may be interested in Comparative Effectiveness Research. For more information about the Foundation's CER initiatives, please call 202-572-7756.

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