Friends of AHRQ Briefing

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AHRQ’s Mission

- Improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans
AHRQ’s TOP 3 Focus Areas

**Patient Safety**
- Build a “trustworthy” delivery system, minimize the impact of adverse events

**Quality**
- Focus on the National Quality Strategy and collaboration (HHS, private sector)

**“Getting to HOW”**
- Practical, evidence-based process improvements; implementation, dissemination and use
Total Proposed Funding: $433.7 million

- $0 M for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research ($100 million from PCORTF)
- $20.7 M for Prevention/Care Management
- $3.3 M for Value Research
- $25.6 M for Health IT
- $62.6 M for Patient Safety ($34 M HAI)
- $88.9 M for Cross-Cutting ($8.9 M in NEW grants)
- $63.8 M for MEPS (Increase to maintain Household Sample Size)
- $68.8 M for Program Support
FY 2013 Full-Year Continuing Resolution Level

- FY 2013 base of $429.693
- Reallocations within portfolios, MEPS, and program support

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Current Initiatives

- Patient-centered outcomes research: dissemination and building capacity
- Health IT program
- USPSTF/clinical prevention
- Patient safety/Healthcare-associated infections
- CHIPRA quality measures
- National reports on quality and disparities in care
- Information to help patients and consumers be more involved in their care
Affordable Care Act and Prevention

- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
  - Gives the Secretary the authority to modify coverage of any preventive service to the extent that it is consistent with Task Force recommendations
  - AHRQ will act as liaison with the Office of the Secretary and CMS

- Clinical and Community Preventive Services
  - Expands the efforts of, and improves the coordination between, two task forces which provide recommendations for preventive interventions
Affordable Care Act

- National Quality Strategy
- AHRQ lead for measurement in the Partnership for Patients
- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
Challenges

- Generating big impact in health care
- Building public/private partnerships that include representative stakeholders
- Clarifying AHRQ’s unique contributions
- Ensuring that more informed actually means better informed
- Rewarding the “leading edge” and bringing others along
- Targeting outreach and reform assistance
- Managing fiscal uncertainty
This year thousands of men will die from stubbornness.

NO WE WON'T
Questions?