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Dear Dr. Selby:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI) research agenda. The AAFP has consulted our members and internal experts and is pleased to recommend the following research priorities for your consideration:

1. Demand for, use of, outcomes from antibiotic prescribing.
2. Treatment options for non-malignant chronic pain – this would include a broad set of diseases and pain syndromes but is not focused on a specific disease pain or cancer related pain. This is often the top CME issue for primary care physicians when surveyed.
3. Treatment of mental health issues in high risk populations – such as depression in the elderly, severe mental illness, adolescents with mental health issues, depression in patients with multiple chronic diseases
4. Effectiveness of various approaches to deliver a full spectrum of prevention services to a population at risk – focus on all systems and approaches that deliver the full spectrum deliver a comprehensive set of preventive services to people that require those services
5. Patient centered care for individuals with multiple chronic diseases
6. Top ten complaints for which patients seek care at primary care settings/emergency rooms. Top ten diagnosis codes for care provided at primary care settings/emergency rooms.
7. Factors driving patients who seek first contact care at a non-primary care setting. What are the cost and health outcomes of such decisions?

The AAFP applauds the work of PCORI and looks forward to collaborating with you on these important issues. Please let us know how we can be of assistance as you pursue your work.

Sincerely,

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