

**Online Survey Questionnaire**

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<p>Form Approved                      OMB No. 0935-XXXX                      Exp. Date XX/XX/20XX</p> <p>The Effective Health Care Program (EHC) at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is undertaking an evaluation of the program’s governance process and outcomes. There are various components to this analysis. This survey will solicit feedback about the EHC program’s governance from a broad and diverse group of individuals. The goal of the survey is to capture a robust view of the EHC program governance system from the vantage point of all stakeholders and within certain stakeholder groups, particularly related to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EHC program Goals</li> <li>• Research Topic Selection Process</li> <li>• Priority Conditions and Populations</li> <li>• EHC program Research Impact</li> <li>• Engaging Stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>Your participation is extremely valuable to this evaluation and is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to 10-15 minutes per response on average, the estimated time required to complete the survey. Please send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer. Attention: PRA, Paperwork Reduction Project (0935-XXXX) AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room # 5036, Rockville, MD 20850.</p>			
1.		Which research program are you affiliated with? [check all that apply]	a. Eisenberg Center b. EPC Program (or Scientific Resource Center (SRC)) c. DEcIDE Research Network d. CERTs Program

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2.		Which of the following EHC program research activities have you been involved with? [check all that apply]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prioritized research topics</li> <li>b. Refined key questions to be addressed by the research</li> <li>c. Obtained input from expert stakeholders on the research approach</li> <li>d. Conducted an effectiveness or comparative effectiveness review</li> <li>e. Developed a technical brief</li> <li>f. Conducted new research</li> <li>g. Created a summary guide for clinicians, consumers and/or policymakers</li> <li>h. Participated in methods research activities</li> <li>i. Topic development</li> <li>j. Other (please specify)</li> </ul>
<b>EHC PROGRAM GOALS</b>			
3.		<p>The EHC program was established as a part of a mandate to provide rational, timely, and rigorous assessments of therapeutics and other health care interventions.</p> <p>Do you agree that the EHC program is providing <b>rational</b> assessment of therapeutics and other interventions?_</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Strongly Agree</li> <li>b. Agree</li> <li>c. Neither agree or disagree</li> <li>d. Disagree</li> <li>e. Strongly Disagree</li> </ul>
4.		Please, elaborate on your response.	Open ended
5.		Do you agree that the EHC program is providing <b>timely</b> assessment of therapeutics and other interventions?	
6.		Please, elaborate on your response.	Open ended
7.		Do you agree that the EHC program is providing <b>rigorous</b> assessment of therapeutics and other interventions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Strongly Agree</li> <li>b. Agree</li> <li>c. Neither agree or disagree</li> <li>d. Disagree</li> </ul>

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			e. Strongly Disagree
8.		Please, elaborate on your response.	Open ended
8b		Do you agree that the EHC program assessment of therapeutics and other intervention is useful?	a. Strongly Agree b. Agree c. Neither agree or disagree d. Disagree e. Strongly Disagree
8c		Please elaborate on your response.	Open ended
9.		Do you agree that the EHC program provides effective translations of complex research findings into publications for <b><u>policymakers</u></b> ?	a. Strongly Agree b. Agree c. Neither agree or disagree d. Disagree a. Strongly Disagree
10.		Please, elaborate on your opinion.	Open ended response requested
11.		Do you agree that the EHC program provides effective translations of complex research findings into publications for <b><u>health care providers</u></b> ?	a. Strongly Agree b. Agree c. Neither agree or disagree d. Disagree a. Strongly Disagree
12.		Please, elaborate on your opinion.	Open ended
13.		Do you agree that the EHC program provides effective translations of complex research findings into publications for <b><u>consumers/patients</u></b> ?	a. Strongly Agree b. Agree c. Neither agree or disagree d. Disagree a. Strongly Disagree
14.		Please, elaborate on your opinion.	Open ended
		<b>RESEARCH SELECTION PROCESS</b>	
15.		What has been your role in suggesting topics for research? [check all that apply]	a. Solicited by the EHC program to nominate a research topic b. Collaborated with the EHC program to nominate a research topic c. Nominated, without solicitation from the EHC program, a research topic d. Other – please specify e. No role

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16.	15(e)	Do you have any interest in suggesting topics for research?	a. Very interested b. Interested c. Moderately Interested d. Of Little Interest e. Uninterested
17.		In your opinion, can the transparency of the EHC program’s selection of research topics be improved?	a. Strong Need for Improvement b. Some Need for Improvement c. No Need for Improvement d. No Opinion
18.	17(a), 17(b)	What improvements would you recommend to make the selection process more transparent?	Open-ended
19.		The mandated criteria for prioritizing research topics in the EHC program are “health care items or services that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• impose high costs on Medicare, Medicaid, or SCHIP programs</li> <li>• may be over or underutilized, and</li> <li>• those which may significantly improve the prevention, treatment, or cure of diseases and conditions which impose high direct or indirect costs on patients or society.</li> </ul> Do you think the EHC program research selection process has been guided by these criteria?	a. Always b. Usually c. Occasionally d. Usually Not e. Never f. No opinion
20.		Beyond the mandated criteria what do you feel significantly affects the selection of research topics?	Open ended
21.		Beyond the mandated criteria what do you feel <b>should</b> affect the selection of research topics?	Open ended
22.		I believe/think that my center has been appropriately	a. Strongly Agree b. Agree

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		engaged by the EHC program staff in the topic nomination and selection process.	c. Neither Agree or Disagree d. Disagree e. Strongly Disagree
23.		Please, elaborate on your response.	Open ended
<b>PRIORITY CONDITIONS &amp; POPULATIONS</b>			
24.		Which of the following EHC program priority conditions MOST warrant additional research by the EHC program? [you may check up to 3 boxes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Muscle, bone, and joint conditions</li> <li>b. Cancer</li> <li>c. Heart and blood vessel conditions</li> <li>d. Brain and nerve conditions</li> <li>e. Mental health</li> <li>f. Developmental delays, ADHD, autism</li> <li>g. Diabetes</li> <li>h. Functional limitations and physical disabilities</li> <li>i. Infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS</li> <li>j. Obesity</li> <li>k. Digestive system conditions</li> <li>l. Pregnancy and childbirth</li> <li>m. Breathing conditions</li> <li>n. Alcohol and drug abuse</li> <li>o. None</li> </ul>
25.		Please, explain further what specific research is needed.	Open ended
26.		Which of the following priority populations have the most pressing needs/issues that have not been sufficiently addressed by the research of the EHC program? [you may check up to 3 boxes]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Medicare – elderly population</li> <li>b. Medicare – disabled population</li> <li>c. Medicaid – children</li> <li>d. Medicaid – adults</li> <li>e. SCHIP</li> <li>f. Other</li> <li>g. None</li> </ul>
27.		Please, explain further what specific research is needed.	Open ended
28.		Which of the following priority populations have needs/issues that have not been MOST sufficiently addressed by the research of the EHC program? [you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Low Income Groups</li> <li>b. Minority Groups</li> <li>c. Women</li> <li>d. Children</li> </ul>

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		may check up to 3 boxes]	e. Elderly f. Individuals with Special Needs g. Rural populations h. Other i. None
29.		Please, explain further what specific research is needed and why.	Open ended
		<b>EHC PROGRAM RESEARCH IMPACT</b>	
30.		How would you rate the general awareness of the EHC program’s research and publications among your professional colleagues?	a. Completely aware b. Mostly aware c. Slightly aware d. Slightly unaware e. Mostly unaware f. Mostly unaware g. Completely unaware h. Don’t know
		<b>ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
31.		How would you change the representative range of stakeholders (patients, providers, policy makers) involved in the EHC program?	a. Increase b. Leave the same c. Decrease d. No opinion
32.	35(a)	Which type(s) of stakeholders would you add?	Open ended
33.	35(c)	Which type(s) of stakeholders would you remove?	Open ended
34.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders’ level of involvement in <b><u>the nomination of research topics</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease d. No opinion
35.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended
36.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders’ level of involvement in <b><u>the selection of research topics</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease d. No opinion
37.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended

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38.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders' level of involvement in <b><u>the development of EHC program products</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease d. No opinion
39.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended
40.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders' level of involvement in <b><u>the translation of evidence into tools and products</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease a. No opinion
41.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended
42.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders' level of involvement in <b><u>the dissemination of the EHC program products</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease a. No opinion
43.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended
44.		In your opinion, the outside stakeholders' level of involvement with the <b><u>implementation of the EHC program products</u></b> should:	a. Increase b. Remain the Same c. Decrease a. No opinion
45.		How would you change their involvement?	Open ended
46.		How else could the EHC program involve outside stakeholder groups in order to meet its mandate?	open text
<p>The following set of questions focus on stakeholders. There are two distinct groups of stakeholders in which we are interested. "EHC program Stakeholder Group" refers to an official group of selected members from whom the EHC program seeks input, guidance, and advice. "Outside stakeholders" refers to community members who have an interest in the work of the EHC program but are not members of the EHC program Stakeholder Group.</p>			
47.		Are you familiar with the EHC program Stakeholder Group that provides guidance to the EHC program?	a. Yes b. Somewhat c. No
48.	51(a), 51(b)	The issues on which the EHC program seeks the consultation of the EHC program Stakeholder Group should be:	a. Expanded b. Remain the Same c. Reduced d. Expanded and Reduced e. No opinion

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49.	51(a), 51(b)	Which issue(s)?	Open ended
50.	51(a), 51(b)	Do you feel that the composition of EHC program Stakeholder Group fairly reflects the various types of EHC program stakeholders?	a. Completely b. Somewhat c. Not at all d. No opinion
51.	54(b), 54(c)	Which essential stakeholders are unrepresented or underrepresented on the EHC program Stakeholder Group?	Open ended
<p>Thank you for sharing your experiences and thoughts about the Effective Health Care (EHC) program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Your input and responses will help us build a better, more efficient structure and program.</p> <p>We appreciate your valuable time and feedback.</p> <p>Should you have any thoughts, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:ywang@impaqint.com">ywang@impaqint.com</a>.</p> <p>Ying Wang, PhD                      Project Director, Evaluation of AHRQ EHC Program Governance and Priority Setting                      IMPAQ International</p>			