Northwestern Researcher Appointed to Research Institute’s Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Panel

Zeeshan Butt, PhD will help bring researchers’ voices to guiding institute’s patient-centered research efforts

August 16, 2016 —Zeeshan Butt, PhD, Associate Professor of Medical Social Sciences, Surgery, & Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has been appointed by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) as a member of its Advisory Panel on Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options.

He will join other members of the panel in applying his experience and expertise to helping PCORI refine and prioritize research funding priorities and ensure that the research PCORI supports centers on the outcomes that matter to patients and other healthcare decision makers. PCORI is an independent, non-profit organization authorized by Congress to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers, and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed healthcare decisions.

Dr. Butt was selected on the basis of his experience, expertise, and ability to contribute to the panel’s tasks and responsibilities. Panel members represent a broad range of healthcare stakeholder groups and perspectives, including patients, family caregivers, clinicians, drug and device makers, and researchers, among others.

Dr. Butt serves as the Associate Director for Northwestern University’s Center for Patient-Centered Outcomes. His research focuses on the development and application of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) in the post-surgical context, with an eye toward improved care quality and patient-centeredness. He has been interested in PCORI’s mission since serving as PI of one of its earliest contracts that informed the Methodology Report, and he has contributed to the PCORI mission as an invited workshop attendee and recurring merit reviewer.

More information about the Advisory Panel on Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options, including its scope of work and a list of all members, is available on the PCORI website: http://www.pcori.org/content/advisory-panel-assessment-prevention-diagnosis-and-treatment-options

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