



Looking for Health IT Research Funding?

Do you have a great idea for improving the care at your practice that involves the use of health IT? The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through the Division of Health Information Technology (IT), is funding a variety of projects related to usability and safety for health IT systems, use of health IT for patient-reported outcomes, and scaling up and generating new clinical decision support tools related to patient-centered outcomes research.

Some of our recently funded work includes—

1 Understanding Primary Care Teamwork Implications for HIT Design

Tosha Beth Wetterneck, M.D., M.S. | University of Wisconsin-Madison

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/UWM-PCTeamwork>

AHRQ funding: \$2,500,000 over 5 years

Working with a diverse set of 5–6 **practice-based research clinics**, the team will develop new EHR interfaces, implementable by vendors, that are demonstrated to support and extend **clinician and team cognitive work** to improve patient outcomes.

2 Improve Health Care Quality through HIT

Alexander Krist, M.D., M.A. | Virginia Commonwealth University

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/VCU-IPHR>

AHRQ funding: \$293,678 over 2 years

8 ambulatory practices will participate in an evaluation that will determine how primary care practices can encourage **patient use of personal health records**, how to integrate these systems into **routine care**, and how use of these systems impacts efficient and effective **delivery of preventive services**.

3 Enhancing Providers' Ability to Follow up on Abnormal Test Results

Lukasz Mazur, Ph.D. | UNC at Chapel Hill

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/UNC-AbnormalResults>

AHRQ funding: \$298,382 over 2 years

This RCT will assess an enhanced Health IT design that monitors **critical abnormal test results** to determine how to **support timely followup with patients** in a way that reduces overall EHR system workload for providers.



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How To Apply for AHRQ Funding

Projects large and small are eligible for consideration. AHRQ reviews grant applications for funding three times a year; **deadlines and budget guidelines vary** for each mechanism and funding announcement. Please visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/fund-opps/index.html> for the most up-to-date information about all of AHRQ's funding opportunities, including those focused on health IT.

Current Funding Opportunities in Health IT Research

Apply now for **Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects** in clinical decision support:

- Scale and spread of existing clinical decision support for patient-centered outcomes research
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-283.html>
- Develop new clinical decision support for patient-centered outcomes research
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-282.html>

The Division of Health IT is **actively seeking R03, R21, R18, and R01 applications** to study:

- Design, implementation, usability, and safe use of health IT
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-16-009.html>
- Use of health IT for patient-reported outcomes to improve quality
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-16-015.html>

Priority Populations

Research on **priority populations has been emphasized and encouraged by AHRQ**. AHRQ's priority populations, specified by Congress in the Healthcare Research and Quality Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-129) include: women, children, racial and ethnic minorities, populations with special health care needs (e.g., chronic illness, disabilities, and end-of-life care needs), the elderly, low-income, inner-city, and rural populations.

Have a question or need further information? Please contact—

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