

A3 Patient safety and Centres for Education and Research in Therapeutics

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Objective and rationale

Since the early 1970s, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), formerly the National Center for Health Services Research and also formerly the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research has funded studies focused on appropriate use of therapeutics (drugs, biologics, and medical devices). Most recently the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Program and the Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERTs), have addressed these important research and education questions. Additionally, other AHRQ programs, such as Clinical Guidelines, Evidence-Based Practice Centers, the US Preventive Services Task Force, and the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) have evaluated the strength of evidence and provided data and recommendations on appropriate use.

Outline for Workshop content:

AHRQ administers the CERTs program's eight unique cooperative-agreements in conjunction with the Food and Drug Administration. This panel will consist of three presentations. The first speaker will present an overview of AHRQ's therapeutics programs and also focus on the legislative history and programmatic objectives of the CERTs program. Two speakers will describe the structures and functions of their respective CERTs research centers. Each will discuss individual quality and patient-safety related research projects at the center.

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Presenters:

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