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Patient Registries and ME/CFS: Introduction

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What is a Registry?

- an organized **system** that
- uses **observational** study methods
- to **collect uniform data** (clinical and other)
- to evaluate **specified outcomes**
- for a **population** defined by a particular disease, condition or exposure,
- and that serves one or more **predetermined** scientific, clinical, or policy **purposes**



Registry Goals

- **Improve quality of care for individual patients**
 - ▶ Tracking and reminders for individual patients
- **Improve quality of care across the health care system**
 - ▶ Tracking and reminders for processes in the health system
 - ▶ Tracking outcomes over time such as hospital readmission rates
- **Research**
 - ▶ Understanding disease progression
 - ▶ Postmarket studies of new drugs and devices
 - ▶ Comparative effectiveness of clinical and process interventions



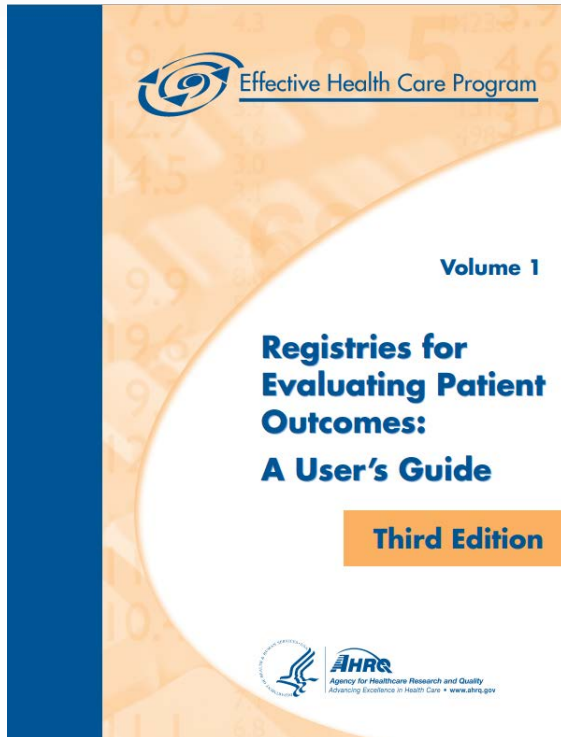
Models

- **Bio-Banks**
 - ▶ CFIDS SolveCFS BioBank
 - ▶ NIH Lipkin samples
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- **EHR-based**
 - ▶ Registries Module
- **Patient Reported**
 - ▶ PatientsLikeME
- **Federated Model**
 - ▶ NDAR

One size does not fit all!



Registries Guide



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- Handbook for establishing, maintaining and evaluating registries.
 - ▶ Volume 1: creating registries, legal and ethical considerations for registries, and operating registries.
 - ▶ Volume 2: technical, legal, and analytical considerations for combining registry data with other data sources, and special applications in patient registries.
- www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/registries-guide-3.cfm.
 - ▶ PDF and **eReader** version
- To order printed copy: email **AHRQPubs@ahrq.hhs.gov**
AHRQ Publication No. 13(14)-EHC111



First Published in 2007

- Collaborative effort with broad multi-stakeholder involvement
 - ▶ industry
 - ▶ academia
 - ▶ health plans
 - ▶ physician societies
 - ▶ government
- Peer reviewers
- Public comment
- Example driven:
3rd edition features 34 new case examples (total of 64) including:
 - ▶ 16 international examples
 - ▶ 8 device registries
 - ▶ 4 public-private partnerships
 - ▶ 6 rare disease registries
 - ▶ 9 quality improvement registries
 - ▶ 5 pregnancy registries



Registry of Patient Registries (RoPR)

<https://patientregistry.ahrq.gov>

- Create online repository of info on patient registries
- White papers: e.g., expired registries and collaborative online work space
 - ▶ registries development
 - ▶ forum for methods
 - ▶ research project workspace
- Develop a framework and prototype syntax for definitions of outcomes

Challenges in Developing an Outcome Measures Framework

- Stakeholders identified 4 major challenges:

Variation in:

1. Type of outcome measure
 2. Outcome measure definitions
 3. Timeframe
- and*
4. User burden

Final White Papers posted: June 3, 2014.

www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov, then search for “Registry”



Summary Points

- Registries are an important tool to understand diseases and the outcomes of health interventions
- Coordination and interoperability are key to leverage the investment in registries

Today..

- Begin the conversation on potential benefits of leveraging the power of registries to enhance quality of care and research for ME/CFS Patients.