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Small-n Studies

1. Standardize outcomes ✓
2. Standardize reporting
3. Increase research *through training*
4. Increase collaboration
5. Provide funding

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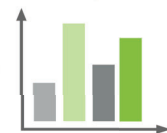
COMMITMENT

$500,000

AAPP has pledged up to $500,000 to the AAPP Foundation to directly support multi-site studies of the impact of psychiatric pharmacists. AAPP is working hard to standardize and improve clinical research, and psychiatric pharmacists are encouraged to learn more about the upcoming research design competition at AAPP 2024!

BACKGROUND

Psychiatric pharmacists have a long history of innovation which has resulted in an amazing diversity of practice settings and patient populations. Unfortunately, this leads to small-n studies that cannot be aggregated. See the COS-PP and Systematic Literature Review posters for more information.

The lack of large-n high-quality studies creates a significant barrier to advocacy efforts when it is difficult to justify the impact of BCPPs to administrators, payers, regulators, and legislators.

1 STANDARDIZE OUTCOMES

This is complete! For more information, see poster #112: Development of the Core Outcome Set for Psychiatric Pharmacists (COS-PP)

2 STANDARDIZE REPORTING

The Core Outcome Set Task Force is continuing its work by developing a reporting guideline and logic model to encourage consistent reporting of study characteristics needed for effective replication/aggregation.

3 INCREASE RESEARCH THROUGH TRAINING

The Research Training Task Force is working diligently to identify and/or create resources to help psychiatric pharmacists grow from simply quality improvement studies to robust multi-site studies.

4 INCREASE COLLABORATION

The Research Design Task Force is developing an award competition to encourage collaboration by identifying viable multi-site study designs at AAPP 2024. Complete details are expected in August 2023.

5 PROVIDE FUNDING

Winners of the award competition (#4 above) will be eligible for grant support from the AAPP Foundation. AAPP has committed up to $500,000 to support these grants!

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (SMEs)

Experienced researchers provide essential expertise for the success of this initiative. However, we are looking for SMEs in a variety of areas, and we encourage anyone with interest to complete the form at aapp.fyi/sme. The SME database will be used to identify members for various initiatives, including:

- Speakers for AAPP Annual Meetings and other education
- Authors for education and resources
- Reviewers for the AAPP Outcomes Initiative
- Mentors for the AAPP Outcomes Initiative
- AAPP representatives with regulatory and legislative contacts
- AAPP representatives at various meetings and conferences

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COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND ADVANCEMENT (CIA)

- The AAPP Outcomes Initiative operationalizes several Strategic Plan objectives, and it is being overseen by the CIA.
- The CIA was formed 2 years ago to draft the 2022 Vision Paper and then to help maintain that focus on the future of the specialty.
- The CIA allows the Board to focus on strategic issues through:
  - **Oversight**: Providing oversight of all AAPP papers allows the Board to only see them when they are ready to approve – and helps the Board stay out of the minute details.
  - **Planning**: Evaluating and recommending the next steps for papers and research allows the Board to retain an organization-level perspective.
- The CIA is directly involved with many projects you'll hear about, including the 2022 Vision Paper, the Psychotropic Stewardship Paper, the AAPP Outcomes Initiative, the Workforce Development Paper, and some of the next steps we will mention.