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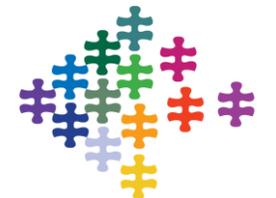
Advancing Science, Improving Lives

Midcareer Technical Workshop

Path to a Sustained Program of Research



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Workshop Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- Establish and sustain a successful Program of Research (POR)—Module I
- Delineate useful strategies to develop career trajectory and to maintain POR in a demanding academic (or service) environment—Module II



Module I: Establish & Sustain POR

- **Definition: Successful Program of Research**
- Hallmarks
- Guideposts (Benchmarks)
- Strategies to maintain POR momentum
- Value of Program Director guidance
- Competing application decision
- Interview with senior scientist



Definition: A Successful POR

Cohesive series of studies to efficiently and effectively build new knowledge that:

- Contributes to improved health care outcomes
- Is grounded theoretically and linked to rigorous research methodology
- Is an area of high interest and passion to the person doing it
- Goal: Eventually scaled-up to benefit larger segment of the population



POR Checklist

- Feasible? Can the POR be accomplished?
- Novel? Is the POR novel or innovative?
- Ethical? Is it ethical and are the risks appropriate to participants' benefits?
- Relevant? Is it relevant to health care, nursing, patient outcomes, & costs?
- Fundable?



POR Trajectory

Early Investigators: More focused, narrower POR

- Avoid series of disjointed studies.

Midcareer Scientist: Broaden POR, refine focus

- May have to reframe or 're-invent' focus
- Midcareer Award can support that growth

Senior Scientist: Broadest research focus

- Selected depth, but application to populations, in different settings, steps to ensure translation





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