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

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<td>Feasible?</td>
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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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