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Methods Standards for Research? A Tale of Two Reports

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ABSTRACT: This talk will review the activities and recommendations of two recent expert groups, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Methodology Committee and an Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on the Scientific and Ethical Aspects in Studying the Safety of Approved Drugs. Both committees were asked to advise researchers and policy makers on how studies should best be designed to answer questions about the safety and comparative effectiveness of medical interventions. The PCORI committee is also charged with establishing methodological "standards" for comparative effectiveness research funded by PCORI, as well as areas in particular need for further methodological development. The implications for both of these reports, and the attendant responses, for biostatisticians and the broader methods community will be discussed.