Western Journal of Nursing Research will publish a special issue focused on Patient and Community Engagement in Research. Susan Rawl, PhD, RN, FAAHB, FAAN and Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN will be guest editors for the special issue. Using the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) definition, research engagement includes “the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the entire research process - from planning the study, to conducting the study, and disseminating study results.”

According to PCORI, “patients and other stakeholders are equitable partners - as opposed to research subjects - who leverage their lived experience and expertise to influence research to be more patient centered, relevant, and useful. Their early and continued involvement throughout a study can lead to greater use and uptake of research results by patients and stakeholders within the healthcare community.”

Original research reports, systematic review papers, methodological articles, case studies, and theory/conceptual papers are eligible for inclusion in the special issue. Topics of interest include, but are not limited, to: innovative methods to engage patients and other stakeholders in research, evidence of the effectiveness of engagement, and lessons learned. Please send a short description of the paper (150-200 words) via email to Dr. Rawl (srawl@iu.edu) by November 1, 2019, 5:00 PM ET. Drs. Rawl and Newhouse will notify potential authors whether the topic is relevant for this issue by November 15. Please contact Dr. Rawl with questions concerning potential submissions for the special issue.

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