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"Patients and PATIENTS: Transforming the Research Enterprise Through Partnerships"

The Faculty Research Lecture for Founders Week 2014 is given by Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, and C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, who aim to transform the research enterprise at the University of Maryland, Baltimore by engaging patients, health care providers, health care systems administrators, and other stakeholders in the design of health-related studies so that they will be more meaningful and impactful. The term patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) evolved during the most recent health care reform in the United States with the premise that health care decision-making will be improved by including the patient's voice in research. Newhouse and Mullins are national leaders in developing and using methods that engage patients, providers, and stakeholders throughout the continuum of conducting PCOR. Their blend of rural and urban health, early patient engagement, and innovative implementation of evidence-based findings across diverse populations and health care delivery systems make them a synergistic team.

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD School of Pharmacy

The son of a funeral director, C. Daniel Mullins understands all too well that life is short and can be cut shorter when high-quality health care is not available in a timely and efficient manner. As director of the University of Maryland PATient-centered Involvement in Evaluating the effectiveNess of TreatmentS (PATIENTS) program, Mullins, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research at the School of Pharmacy, hopes that he can assist colleagues across the campus in performing research that is more meaningful to patients. He has received funding as a principal investigator from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute on Aging, NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. "I believe that by listening to patients before we begin our research, we can discover new ways to improve both the quality and longevity of life in a manner that will expedite uptake of evidence-based treatments into clinical practice," he says. "We must, however, listen to the entire spectrum of patients since the patient has unique preferences for treatment." In 2007, Mullins received the University's Dr. Patricia Sokolove Outstanding Mentor Award. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Dr. Daniel D. Savage Memorial Science Award, the Association of Black Cardiologists' most prestigious annual award, and received the University System of Maryland Wilson H. Elkins Professorship.

Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN School of Nursing

Robin Newhouse is professor and chair of the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health and co-director of the Center for Health Outcomes Research at the School of Nursing and is co-investigator with C. Daniel Mullins on PATIENTS. She had a longstanding history of engaging clinicians and stakeholders prior to beginning a research study to better inform feasible and implementable methods. Newhouse's research focuses on multi-site health system interventions to improve care processes and patient outcomes. "Our team uses a pragmatic approach, engaging providers in the generation of questions and selection of design, methods, and outcomes used in our studies," Newhouse says. "This has helped us develop a feasible approach that can be readily implemented." She has published extensively on health services improvement interventions, acute care quality issues, and evidence-based practice. Newhouse was appointed to the Methodology Committee of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute and is currently serving as the committee's chair. She was appointed to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Standing Committee on Credentialing Research in Nursing (2012-2014), and the IOM Study on Treatment of Cardiac Arrest: Current Status and Future Directions (2014-2015), is chair of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Research Council, and the past chair of the Research and Scholarship Advisory Council for Sigma Theta Tau International (2009-2013). In 2014, she was inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame.