

ARM 2026: Theme Subtopics

Aging, End-Of-Life, and Complex Conditions

- Dual Eligibles
- Caregiving Alternatives to Nursing Homes
- Care Coordination
- Studies on Palliative Care and Hospice
- Workforce Capacity
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Other

Child and Family Health

- Community-Based Models to Improve Maternal and Infant Health
- Access to and Quality of Early Intervention and Special Education
- Adolescent Health Needs and Interventions
- Culturally-Rooted Interventions that Support Healthy Parenting and Child Development
- Projected Impacts of Recent Federal and State Policy and Program Changes
- Health Services Results of Recent and Ongoing Large-Scale Child-Focused Studies
- Other

Digital Health, Data, and Analytics

- Real-World Data (EHR, Claims, etc.) and Interoperability
- Generative AI and Machine Learning Models and Tools
- Wearables and Decentralized Studies/Remote Data
- AI and Data Governance, Privacy, and Ethics
- Closing the Digital Divide
- Outcomes and Implementation of Digital Health
- Other

Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact

- Policy Dissemination and Implementation
- Strategies Supporting Implementation Sustainability
- Measuring the Impact of Real-World Implementation
- Economic Evaluation of Implementation Efforts
- Innovations in Dissemination and Implementation
- Other

Global Health and Systems Research

- Advancing Global Health System Comparisons
- Global Health System Financing, Regulation, and Markets
- Models of Global Health Workforce and Service Delivery
- Global Pharmaceutical Access and Pricing
- Adapting Health System and Services Interventions Across Countries
- Global Surveillance Systems
- Fostering Equitable Cross-Country Research Partnerships
- Other

Health Equity and Disparities

- Addressing Racism and Structural Inequities in Health Care
- Equity-Focused Metrics and Accountability Frameworks
- Policy Levers to Advance Health Equity
- Tackling Social Risks and Structural Determinants of Health
- Equity Across Priority Populations
- Building a Diverse Health Workforce
- Other

Healthcare Access, Payment, and Coverage

- Impact of Insurance Policy Changes (e.g. Commercial, Medicare, Medicaid/Chip, VA, Tricare)
- Variations and Disparities in Healthcare Access
- Coverage Administration, Networks, and Enrollment
- Impact of Payment and Value-Based Care Models
- Patient and Provider Experiences with Healthcare Access, Coverage, and Payment Models
- Other

Healthcare System Design and Transformation

- Organizational Design
- Culture, Leadership, and Change
- System Design to Support the Workforce
- Strategic Responses to Policy and Market Uncertainty
- Inter-Organizational Diffusion and Scaling
- Systemic Mechanisms for Real-Time Learning
- Equity in Organizational Performance
- Other

Mental Health and Substance Use

- Integrating Physical and Behavioral Health in Primary Care, Specialty, and School-Based Settings
- Digital Health Interventions for Mental and Substance Use Disorders
- Payment, Regulatory, and Social Policies to Improve Behavioral Health Care and Outcomes
- Harm Reduction Strategies for Behavioral Health
- Integration of Peer Programs and Other Innovations in Crisis Intervention
- Improving Behavioral Health Workforce Stability
- Other

Methods and Measurement Science

- Advances in Causal Inference and Policy Evaluation
- Applied Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Methods
- Research Rigor, Reproducibility and Transparency
- Methods and Measurement for Policy Relevance
- Population-Centered Methods in HSR
- Applied Spatial Analysis for HSR
- Mixed and Qualitative Methods
- Other

Patient-Centered Care and Engagement

- Patients as Partners in Project Design and Execution
- Trustworthiness, Communication, and Relationship-Building
- Innovative Multi-Stakeholder Engagement Models
- Patient Perspectives on Patient-Centered Care
- Patient-Centered Outcomes and Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Providing Social Support and Whole-Person Care
- Other

Public and Population Health

- Population Health Workforce: Challenges and Opportunities
- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Public Health Readiness for Emerging Needs
- Population Evaluation and Policy Level Analysis
- Organizational Approaches to Population Health
- Building Nontraditional Partnerships to Leverage Resources
- Leaning in on Social Capital Through Challenging Times
- Other

Safety, Quality, and Workforce

- Safety Culture, Quality Outcomes, and Organizational Behavior
- Quality and Value-Based Care Models, and Incentives
- Workforce Engagement and Retention
- Leadership, Culture, and Well-Being
- Workplace Violence and Safety
- Team-Based Care/Interprofessional Collaboration
- Research on Using AI to Enhance Care Quality and Workforce
- Other

Women and Gender Health

- Maternity-Related Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Reproductive Mental Health Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Gynecologic Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Midlife and Menopause Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Abortion Care and Contraception Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Gender Affirming Care, Treatment, and Quality
- Access to and Financing of Women's Health Care
- Other