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She serves as the associate director of the Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research (CHSOR) and the co-director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness (CDSE), both in the School of Public Health. Additionally, she's the director of the Pharmacoepidemiology Program.

Her research interests include pharmacoepidemiology, comparative effectiveness research, and evidence-based medicine. Dr. Segal and her team have been tapped by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct research to find out why physicians opt to prescribe costlier brand-name drugs when generic ones are available.

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Dr. Selby joined PCORI from Kaiser Permanente, Northern California, where he was Director of the Division of Research for 13 years and oversaw a department of more than 50 investigators and 500 research staff members working on more than 250 ongoing studies. Dr. Selby was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine in 2009 and was a member of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality study section for Health Care Quality and Effectiveness from 1999 to 2003.



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