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Evelyn P. Whitlock, a board-certified general preventive medicine and public health physician, was most recently the Chief Science Officer of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), serving from Jan 2016 through June 8, 2018. In that role, she oversaw the organization's scientific activities and research programs, liaised with the Board of Governors and Methodology Committee, and served on the Executive Leadership Team. In her more recent role as Senior Scientific Advisor at PCORI, Whitlock helps oversee selected methodological initiatives she began while CSO, including initiatives to advance heterogeneity of treatment effect methods and the Ensuring Value in Research international Funders Forum which she helped initiate in 2017 and has helped co-lead in conjunction with other key funders (NIHR and ZonMW).

Prior to joining PCORI, Whitlock spent almost 25 years as a self-funded, public domain researcher and leader at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research in Portland, Oregon, with academic appointments at the Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine. Whitlock conducted primary research in women's health and preventive medicine for the first decade of her research career, gradually transitioning to a full-time research focus in evidence synthesis. After 15 years as core staff and Associate Director of the Oregon Evidence-based Practice Center, she was founding director of the Kaiser Permanente Evidence-based Practice Center in 2012. Whitlock directed a stable dedicate research team conducting multiple systematic reviews and scientific support activities for the Agency Healthcare Research and Quality, the American Psychological Association, CDC, and NCI, in addition to providing long-term, focused systematic review support to the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) for 16 years.