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# Priority Setting Criteria

When ranking your top three priority gaps for future research in Women and Obesity, consider the following questions:

\*Addressing this research gap has the potential to:

1. Ease the disease burden on patients, families and communities

2. Reach priority populations and reduce inequalities in care, (e.g. minority groups, the elderly, and individuals in rural settings)

3. Provide significant improvement in patient care

4. Reduce unexplained variations in care

5. Lead to substantial cost efficiencies or cost savings for patients and health plans

6. Fill substantial gaps in current evidence on women and obesity

7. Develop efficient study designs that are not overly burdensome

8. Provide findings that can be replicated and reproduced in multiple settings

9. Address an intervention (e.g. drug, device, technology) relevant to multiple federal programs (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP)

*\*Items are adapted from criteria used by AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program,1  prioritization criteria for scientifically meritorious research established by the Federal Coordinating Council of Comparative Effectiveness Research2 and priority-setting criteria developed by the Center for Medical Technology Policy.3*

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*3. Overview of CMTP’s Priority-Setting Process, July 2009.* [*http://www.cmtpnet.org/cmtp-research/priority-setting*](http://www.cmtpnet.org/cmtp-research/priority-setting)