History & Mission: Established in 1989, AHRQ was formerly known as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

The mission of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare for all Americans. Information from AHRQ’s research helps people make more informed decisions and improve the quality of healthcare services. AHRQ also provides evidence-based information on healthcare outcomes and quality of care.

AHRQ research helps consumers get and use objective, evidence-based information on how to choose health plans, doctors, or hospitals. In addition, AHRQ helps consumers play an active role in their healthcare and reduce the likelihood that they will be subject to a medical error. Personal health guides developed by AHRQ help people keep track of their preventive care and other health services they receive.

AHRQ’s mission helps HHS achieve its strategic goals to improve the safety, quality, affordability and accessibility of healthcare; public health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and emergency preparedness; promote the economic and social well-being of individuals, families, and communities; and advance scientific and biomedical research and development related to health and human services.
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