



COVID-END partners coordination call

Agenda for 6 May 2021

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Jeremy welcomed Jenn Verma to introduce the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the partner notes from 15 April (see attachment 2)

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. Jeremy introduced variants of concern as a thematic area of focus and introduced two COVID-END members to speak about their work
 - i. Janet Curran described her evidence synthesis on transmission characteristics ([transmission characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern](#)) and the living evidence table being maintained by the Agency for Clinical Innovation in New South Wales (<https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/critical-intelligence-unit/sars-cov-2-variants>), as well as the first edition of her living evidence synthesis on [public health ans health systems impacts of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern](#)
 - ii. Alfonso Iorio introduced his living evidence synthesis on vaccine effectiveness against variants, which is updated every Friday: [What is the efficacy and effectiveness of available COVID-19 vaccines in general and specifically for variants of concern?](#)
- b. Jeremy provided an update on WHO-ECC 19 paper and indicated that he'd get back to the group about authorship criteria
- c. Maureen provided an update about progress with citizen partnership
- d. Jenn Verma gave a brief presentation about the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges

4. PARTNER PROFILE

- a. Michael McCaul and Tamara Kredo highlighted their contributions to COVID-19 response at both:
 - i. Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Stellenbosch University
 - ii. South African Medical Research Council and Cochrane Africa

5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to Evidence Synthesis Ireland's Priority III study
 - i. Online survey asking patient and public representatives, reviewers, researchers, clinicians and policymakers to select the 10 questions that are most important for future research to address

- ii. Survey can be found [here](#)
- b. Jeremy also pointed partners to Evidence Aid's April update for COVID-19 project
 - i. Prepared more than 500 short, plain language summaries covering almost 800 systematic reviews relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact
 - ii. Summaries are available in English, with translations into other languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish
Summaries are freely accessible [here](#) along with links to the full reviews

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business