

Joint Synthesizing and Recommending  
Working Group meeting  
*Agenda for MS Teams call on 16 September 2020*

*Chairs: David Tovey*

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| <p><b>1. INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <p><i>a. Welcome and objective of the meeting</i></p> <p><i>b. Allison Tong, University of Sydney, Australia</i></p>   | <p>5 min</p>  |
| <p><b>2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS</b></p> <p><i>a. Review previous meeting notes and action items from August 14th<br/>(see attachment 2)</i></p>  | <p>5 min</p>  |
| <p><b>3. SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><i>a. COVID-19 Outcome definitions. The selection of appropriate outcomes for measuring the effectiveness of interventions for systematic reviews (SRs), HTA and guidelines (CPGs). These outcomes need to be relevant to patients, policymakers and clinicians. Synthesis and Recommending WGs need to discuss how COVID END could collaborate to define and/or disseminate a list of core outcomes to consider when designing or using SRs, CPGs or HTA. (Lead: Allison Tong)<br/>(see attachments 3 &amp; 4)</i></p> <p><i>b. Equity issues. The issue of equity in relation to evidence synthesis has been increasingly studied over the past few years, and is applicable on a number of levels in relation to the pandemic. Firstly, we are aware that there are disease and socio-economic factors that apply disproportionately to people living in low resource settings. In addition, the virus appears to be particularly dangerous for people in some communities, particularly those that are most vulnerable for other reasons such as comorbidity, poverty and poor baseline health. Finally there will be the question of whether different interventions exacerbate or minimise these inequities, or are more or less effective or harmful in certain groups and individuals. We would like to discuss this issue to determine the lessons for the synthesising and recommending groups, and in particular seek to identify areas where a joint or aligned approach is important<br/>(Lead: David)</i></p> | <p>35 min</p> |
| <p><b>4. EXPLORING NEXT STEPS</b></p> <p><i>a. Equity working group to explore equity concerns, set up by Vivian Welch, Andrea Tricco and Anna Dion</i></p>   | <p>10 min</p> |
| <p><b>5. CLOSURE</b></p>  | <p>5 min</p>  |