

Recommending Working Group

Notes from Webex call on 15 May 2020 https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise

1. INTRODUCTIONS	5 min
Ivan welcomed new working group members: i. Amir Qaseem, American College of Physicians, USA ii. Xuan Elody, Evidence Based Medicine Centre, Lanzhou University, China iii. Mireille Geotghebeur, Institut national d'excellence en santé et services sociaux (INESS), Canada	
Also participating in the call: David Tovey Elie Akl Ivan Florez Jerry Osheroff Lucy Henry Michael McCaul Per Olav Vandvik Tamara Kredo Xuan Yu Zac Munn	
Regrets: Ignacio Neumann Susan Norris Ludovic Reveiz	
2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	30 min
a. Review revised terms of reference (see attachment 2)	
 Ivan described that additional item added to terms of reference to assess quality of guidelines using established tools, with the potential of having student support from Secretariat to do quality assessments Clarifying target audience of terms of reference and working group outputs Currently more targeted to organizations than end-users of evidence guidance, however, important to clarify with working group and explicitly in terms of reference in order to identify and prioritize target audience needs 	
o May be helpful to stratify discrete activities according to different users,	

recognizing that some will target multiple audiences

- Adding considerations of making guidelines and HTA fair and reasonable (in addition to trustworthy) to balance ethical and other considerations
- Some urgency to post revised terms of reference on COVID-END website before GIN webinar (on May 20^{th)}

ACTION: Anna to share current terms of reference with John to review and post to website by end of day Tuesday (May 19th) with a note that terms are still under construction

ACTION: Tamara, Elie, Mireille and any others send any suggested revisions to the terms of reference to Ivan and Per to incorporate

- b. Per to share background information from the GIN webinar to begin mapping existing resource base
- May 20th @ 8:00am and 3:00pm CEST https://g-i-n.net/covid-19/covid19-webinars-folder/webinar-covid-19-pandemic-navigating-evidence-and-guidance-crisis
- Presenting COVID-END, AHRQS as over-arching; examples of guidelines; overview of different types of evidence with goal to get feedback from participants.
- Per to share existing resources, requesting feedback if we have missed any
 organizations (both developer and end-user perspective); several hundred people
 signed up.

ACTION: All working groups members asked to review resources provided on GIN COVID-19 website and share feedback and suggestions with Zan Munn https://g-i-n.net/covid-19

- c. Continued discussion around involvement of HTA community
- Working group recruitment to focus on engaging HTA community with consideration of full scope of HTA expertise (ethical, legal, environmental assessment)
- Making evidence syntheses connections into HTA and guidelines; working closely with synthesizers.
- d. Working group members to review and provide feedback on evidence sources relevant to guidance on COVID-END website

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

15 min

a. Discussing questions brought up by Digitizing working group

What do you see as the biggest blocker to your work right now?
What is your biggest technical blocker?

Adapting to quickly evolving evidence and incorporating into recommendations, bringing in adjacent evidence sources (ethical, environmental, legal) to be able to contextualize evolving evidence within (living) guidelines
Workflow management and progress tracking in rapid and systematic review across large international teams

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5 min