

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

*Ivan welcomed Sara Twaddle, Guidelines International Network (GIN), Scotland Past Chair of GIN, now working to redesign GIN Library, including collating resources for GIN Library*

*Participants on call:*

*Amir Qassem*

*Elie Akl*

*Ivan Florez*

*Jerome Osheroff*

*Ludovic Reveiz*

*Michael McCaul*

*Newman Dieyi*

*Per Olav Vandvik*

*Sandra Zelman Lewis*

*Secretariat: Anna Dion, Jeremy Grimshaw and Safa Al-Khateeb*

## 2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review previous meeting notes from July 17 (see attachment 2)*

## 3. RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR GUIDELINES AND HTA

- a. Discuss updates to 'Resources and tools for guideline developers and decision makers interested in rapid guidance and HTA-IF'*

*See Google document*

*<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16YKVksKbVbIeP4QfPHgIQbijobJm-IFQW9s6gGPJkzo/edit?usp=sharing>*

- Continue to develop HTA content of guidance document*
- Sandy suggested including a function to support networking amongst guideline developers around shared topics; potentially through GIN's Guideline Collaboration working group (led by Rebecca Morgan)*
- GIN is working towards digitizing registry of guidelines in development; Sara offered to share working map and inventory of organizations working on guidelines.*
- Sandra agreed to explore possibility of building of a growth map from Doctor Evidence*

- *May be opportunity to focus initially on COVID-focused guidelines as a pilot to develop structure and procedures*

**ACTION:** Sara and Sandra to explore status of guidelines registries in their respective organizations and share back with working group

**ACTION:** Secretariat to invite Rebecca Morgan to COVID-END and/or working group

- *Reducing duplication in guideline development includes reducing duplication in evidence synthesis. Inventory of decision-focused living reviews is meant to address this, focused initially on clinical management decisions, along with horizon scanning (to identify upcoming priorities); curated high-quality living evidence intended to supporting high quality guidelines, HTA and other decisions*
- *Upcoming meeting between co-chairs of Recommending and Synthesizing working groups to begin discussions about how to complement each others' work and better support collaboration between evidence synthesis and recommending communities*
- *Jerry shared ACTS experience in identifying and understanding collaboration opportunities by working with expanded framework of evidence to decision architecture and identifying the organizations doing the work, standards involved, repositories, tools, methods and platform. ACTS is primarily US-focused and driven, but with the intention to contribute to global capacity to support evidence community*
- *Michael asked about how to best provide value to guideline settings in LMICs and how COVID-END and the working group can contribute to addressing specific barriers faced by actors in LMICs (specific examples Michael provided were struggling with electronic systems, keeping up with pace to do systematic reviews).*
- *Emphasized importance of guidance document to contributing to building capacity, to support new entrants to the field, providing guidance to support better quality guideline and HTA development*
- *Working group members suggested that resource document be linked out to existing resources (rather than including all the text in the document), thinking about how to parse out content to support navigation and the adaptation of the decision-algorithms already shared by group members*

**ACTION:** All working group members to share additional resources and feedback on the guidance document

**ACTION:** Secretariat to present COVID-END Secretariat-led projects for feedback and how they may best complement and contribute into the Recommending working groups work

*b. Collaboration between GIN and COVID-END*

- *GIN started by collating from member organizations from guidance and evidence sources (checking the information is available and up to date) but not doing any quality assessment*

- *Given GIN's global reach and expertise, COVID-END can support and point to GIN website; may be opportunities to represent guidelines in inventory (see notes in previous section)*

#### 4. ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*a. Change in meeting time*

**ACTION:** Safa to send email to see if there is another time for the working group meeting

*b. Reminder of adjusted summer meeting schedule, no partners meeting, co-chairs meeting or working group meetings scheduled for the weeks of:*

*August 3rd – August 7th*

*August 31st - September 4th*