

## Patient engagement in evidence synthesis

Resources for citizens and researchers  
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### Patient and citizen engagement in evidence synthesis

- SPOR Evidence Alliance  
A two-page document on patient and citizen partner engagement in research with examples of roles for patients/citizens at various stages of the process.



SPOREA\_Patient  
and Citizen Engager

- Video: What is evidence synthesis?  
<https://www.cochrane.org/news/evidence-synthesis-what-it-and-why-do-we-need-it>  
3.5-minute video from Evidence Synthesis Ireland explaining evidence synthesis and why it is important
- Video: What is a rapid review?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miikDRzrKAI>  
This 4-minute video from Evidence Synthesis Ireland reviews evidence synthesis and then explains rapid reviews.
- Rapid review methods more challenging during COVID-19: commentary with a focus on 8 knowledge synthesis steps (June 29, 2020)  
[https://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356\(20\)30616-8/fulltext](https://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356(20)30616-8/fulltext)
- Video: Consumer involvement in COVID-19 rapid reviews  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEfV0dox-gY>  
This 3 minute video was produced by the Cochrane Consumer COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Group.
- How consumers can be involved in the authoring of Cochrane covid-19 rapid reviews.  
<https://consumers.cochrane.org/sites/consumers.cochrane.org/files/public/uploads/covid-19-rapid-reviews-consumers.pdf>  
One page document produced by the Cochrane Consumer COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Group.
- How consumers can be involved in the dissemination of Cochrane covid-19 rapid reviews  
<https://consumers.cochrane.org/sites/consumers.cochrane.org/files/public/uploads/dissemination-of-cochrane-covid-19-rapid.pdf>  
One page document produced by the Cochrane Consumer COVID-19 Rapid Response Task Group.

### Evidence-based medicine training for patients and citizens

- Evidence Essentials – an introduction to evidence-based medicine, randomized clinical trials, and systematic reviews. Co-produced with Cochrane consumers and open access.  
<https://training.cochrane.org/essentials>  
This online course contains four modules that will be of interest to patients, caregivers, and citizens. You will be asked to set up a free Cochrane account is necessary to access the training.

### **Partnering with citizens in research**

- Patients Canada. For Citizens Partnering in Research. Available from [https://ossu.ca/wp-content/uploads/Orientation\\_to\\_research\\_pub\\_2016.pdf](https://ossu.ca/wp-content/uploads/Orientation_to_research_pub_2016.pdf)
- Partnering with Citizens in Research. Available from [https://ossu.ca/wp-content/uploads/Orientation\\_to\\_patient\\_partners\\_-\\_pub\\_2016-1.pdf](https://ossu.ca/wp-content/uploads/Orientation_to_patient_partners_-_pub_2016-1.pdf)
- CIHR. Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research - Patient Engagement Framework. Available from <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/48413.html>

### **Plain language resources**

- Health Research Terms: <https://getitglossary.org>
- Medical Terms: <https://apps.lib.umich.edu/medical-dictionary/>
- CIHR Jargon Buster. Available from <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/48952.html>