MuSE Working Group 3 Project Update
November 2018

We are beginning to move ahead with our plans to develop guidance for multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development. We want to provide you with a brief update on the project and invite you to get involved!

1. As you may recall, we received funding for this project earlier this year (https://methods.cochrane.org/equity/projects/stakeholder-engagement-guideline-development). To get started, we have drafted a project protocol (attached) that we plan to submit to the journal Implementation Science. If you would like to contribute, please send me your comments by November 29, 2018 (please let us know if you need more time). We presented this planned work at the Cochrane Colloquium in Edinburgh in September. The slides are attached for your information.

2. The first phase of the project will involve 4 systematic reviews. We plan to register these with the Campbell Library, and have submitted 4 title registration forms to Campbell’s Knowledge Translation and Implementation coordinating group (see attachments). These 4 reviews are on the following topics and have been based on our previous work on the grant application and overall project protocol:
   1) Existing guidance/frameworks for multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development (Jennifer Petkovic: jennifer.petkovic@uottawa.ca)
   2) Barriers and facilitators to multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development (Alison Riddle: Alison.riddle@gmail.com)
   3) Impact of multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development (Lyuba Lytvyn: ltvyn.lyubov@gmail.com)
   4) Conflicts of interest in multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development (Elie Akl: ea32@aub.edu.lb and Joanne Khabsa: jpk02@mail.aub.edu)

We are now ready to start preparing the protocols for these reviews and invite you to get in touch with the lead of the review(s) you’d like to contribute to. Our goal is to submit the protocols to Campbell by January 15, 2019.

It is important to note that we want to include everyone who makes a substantive contribution as a co-author on these reviews and other planned papers for the project. Co-authors must meet the ICJME criteria for authorship. This means, in addition to commenting on the draft reviews, you would need to participate in one of the following: screening for studies to include in the reviews, data extraction from the studies identified as meeting inclusion criteria (using a pretested form), data analysis or interpretation of the results from the included studies, or other tasks. Team members who don’t meet all criteria may be acknowledged as members of the MuSE Working Group.

We have also attached a table with the overall project deliverables and timelines.
3. “Grey Literature” sources – we would like your thoughts on where to find potentially relevant but unpublished papers that might provide some evidence for stakeholder engagement in guideline development and implementation. Are there organizations or groups that you know of that we should contact?

Other MuSE Working Group Updates

WG1 – A paper on ‘Engaging Patients and Other Non-Researchers in Health Research: Defining Research Engagement’ is about to be submitted to the Journal of General Internal Medicine led by Lori Frank.

WG2 – A paper on ‘Practical guidance for involving stakeholders in health research’ led by Tom Concannon is in press with the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

STAR E3 mobile engagement app – a webinar on this project, led by our advisory member, Regina Greer-Smith, is available online: https://m.soundcloud.com/goodnewsradiomagazine/we-r-living-with-lupus_good-news-magazine_charles-r-drew-university_9-12-18