Help Needed - MuSE Working Group 3 Project Update- June 2020

We hope you are in good health and keeping safe in these times. Our plans to develop guidance for multi-stakeholder engagement in guideline development are ongoing and we want to provide you with a brief update and, as always, invite you to get involved!

**Member updates – We need your help!**

The MuSE consortium membership has grown to 104! We are categorizing members and ask that you kindly let us know which of the stakeholder group(s) you belong to by filling on the google sheet at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N6K0J-45VGd21ysG1P5VFmuxjVV1OV3gtBqtkrJxB4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N6K0J-45VGd21ysG1P5VFmuxjVV1OV3gtBqtkrJxB4/edit?usp=sharing)

The stakeholder groups are:

**Patient** - person who has experience with the condition/disease of interest

**Caregiver** – person (e.g. family member) who provides unpaid care to a person with a condition/disease

**Patient Advocate/Organization** – person/organization that advocates for patients/caregivers with one specific group of disorders

**Public** – general population excluding patients with the condition of interest of interest, caregivers, and health professionals

**Provider of health care** - provide health care in a professional capacity; includes professional associations

**Payers of Health services** - financial intermediaries in the health system- e.g. private insurers, provincial/federal agency who pay for health services

**Payers of Research**- funding organizations- private or governmental organizations- e.g NIH, CIHR, NHMRC

**Policy Makers**- craft public policy (on health) at any level of government (e.g. politicians, national, provincial, state, or local, scientific advisors)

**Program Managers**- responsible for care delivery

**Product Makers**- manufacture diagnostics, devices, pharmaceuticals, electronic records systems, mobile apps, etc

**Purchaser** - purchase health benefits for employees/ citizens

**Principal Investigator and their research team** - conduct health research , includes organizations or associations representing the research community

**Press, publishers and other media** – including science writers and journals
**Overall study protocol**

The overall study protocol has been published in Systematic Reviews:

DOI [https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-020-1272-5](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13643-020-1272-5)

There are 5 stages to MuSE [attached] and we are currently working on stage 1. Once we have results from our systematic reviews we’ll be looking for your feedback. We will be using these results to draft items to be used in a survey and will be inviting all of you to respond. We anticipate that the reviews will be completed towards the end of the summer and the survey will be ready in October.

**Systematic reviews update**

Comments that were received from members have been addressed and the reviews have been submitted to Campbell. Members involved in the various reviews will be completing data extraction in the coming weeks, and we’ll be sending out preliminary findings for all members’ input

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Please 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.

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If there are any comments or questions, kindly let us know and we’d be more than happy to address them.