



MuSE *letter*

MuSE Newsletter - September 2023

MuSE Consortium: Results of terminology survey

Thank you to all those who provided input into our search for an alternative term for 'stakeholder'. Based on the results of the survey and consultations with MuSE Consortium members, we will be using '**collaborators and partners**' moving forward. We are always open to suggestions.

MuSE Guidelines: Key issues for engagement

In May, we published a paper describing the key issues for engagement in guidelines. While developing the GIN-McMaster Guideline Development Stakeholder Engagement Extension checklist, our team has identified 6 key issues. These are: (1) Definitions, roles, and settings (2) Stakeholder identification and selection (3) Levels of engagement, (4) Evaluation of engagement, (5) Documentation and transparency, and (6) Conflict of interest management. This paper describes each issue and how the team plans to produce guidance papers to address them.

[Key issues for engagement in the development of health and healthcare guidelines](#). Research Involvement and Engagement. 2023.9:27.

MuSE Guidelines: Upcoming presentation



September 19th to 22nd in Glasgow, UK

Lyubov Lytvyn and Joanne Khabisa will present on *GIN-McMaster Guideline Development Checklist - Stakeholder Involvement Extensions*

Thursday, Sept. 21: 3:30 PM

Session: Approaches to stakeholder engagement - methods



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MuSE Guidelines: Past presentation

Olivia Magwood presented on 'Stakeholder Engagement in Evidence Synthesis: Updates from the Multi-Stakeholder Engagement Consortium'.



Watch the recording [here](#).

MuSE-Evidence Synthesis: Project Protocol Published

Over the next 3 years, we'll be developing guidance for engaging with collaborators and partners throughout all stages of the evidence synthesis process. Our objectives are to:

- A. Identify, map, and synthesize qualitative and quantitative findings related to engagement in evidence syntheses
- B. Explore how engagement in evidence synthesis promotes health equity
- C. Develop equity-oriented guidance on methods for conducting, evaluating, and reporting engagement in evidence syntheses

[Protocol for the development of guidance for collaborator and partner engagement in health care evidence synthesis.](#) Systematic Reviews. 2023. 12;134.

MuSE-Evidence Synthesis: Cochrane Colloquium Poster

OBJECTIVES

- Identify, map, and synthesize qualitative and quantitative findings related to collaborator and partner engagement in evidence syntheses.
- Explore perspectives on how collaborator and partner engagement in evidence synthesis promotes health equity.
- Develop equity-oriented guidance on methods for collaborator and partner engagement in evidence synthesis.
- Develop guidance on methods for evaluating collaborator and partner engagement in evidence synthesis.
- Develop a guideline for reporting collaborator and partner engagement in evidence synthesis (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) extension).

COLLABORATORS AND PARTNERS

Patients, patient caregivers, patient advocates/ organizations	Those with lived experience with the condition of interest or who care for or advocate on behalf of those with lived experience
Point of health research	Individuals and organizations that fund research projects, such as government funders, industry funders, foundations
Peer-reviewed journal editors	Those who set journal policy on guidelines and manage the peer review process and editing
Programs/teams	Individuals, organizations and entities that will publicize or promote activity (or health) at any level of government
Program managers	Individuals, organizations, and associations that conduct or advocate health research
Producers and disseminators of guidelines	Institutions and organizations that commission, develop, or implement guideline development procedures
Product makers	Individuals working to improve their non-pharmaceutical, medical devices, medical procedures, health technologies, or for public educational and behavioral practices
Program managers	Managers/owners of clinics, food services, or other day programs that provide health care services
Providers	Persons and their professional associations who provide health care in a professional capacity established by regulatory bodies to provide a health care service
Publics	Individuals in the general population of a defined geographic area including patients, caregivers, and health professionals living or working with the condition of interest

METHODS

- 2020-2024: Conduct review on Methods of engagement Barriers and facilitators Impact of engagement Conflicts of interest Equity considerations
- 2024-2025: Gather perspectives about collaborator and partner engagement International survey Key informant interviews
- 2025: Host a consensus meeting with partners and collaborators to develop guidance
- 2025+: Dissemination plan: Peer-reviewed publications Online tools Conference presentations Social media and newsletters

READ OUR PUBLISHED PROTOCOL:

Tsigveli, P., Welch, V., Magwood, G.P., Tschannen-Burns, A., Shi, E. A., Cochrane, T. M., ... & Haddaway, J. (2023). Protocol for the development of guidance for collaborator and partner engagement in health care evidence synthesis. Systematic Reviews, 12(1), 1-30. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12863-023-02179-1>

ABOUT THE MUSE CONSORTIUM

Established in 2021, the MuSE Consortium is an international group of over 100 individuals interested in stakeholder engagement in research and guidelines.

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At the 2023 Cochrane Colloquium, Olivia Magwood presented a poster on our MuSE Guidelines project.

View the poster [here](#).

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