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MuSE Guidelines Update

New publications

We are excited to share that 3 review protocols and a list of factors to consider when inviting stakeholders to join a research project have been published since our last update!

Review protocols:

(1) Petkovic J, Riddle A, Lytvyn L, Khabsa K, Akl EA, Welch V, Magwood O, Atwere P, Graham ID, Grant S, John D, Katikireddi SV, Langlois E, Mustafa RA, Todhunter-Brown A, Schünemann H, Smith M, Stein AT, Concannon T, Tugwell P. [PROTOCOL: Guidance for stakeholder engagement in health guideline development: a scoping review](#). Campbell Systematic Reviews. 2022. DOI: 10.1002/cl2.1242

(2) Magwood O, Riddle A, Petkovic J, Lytvyn L, Khabsa J, Atwere P, Akl EA, Campbell P, Welch V, Smith M, Mustafa RA, Limburg H, Dans LF, Skoetz N, Grant S, Concannon T, Tugwell P. [PROTOCOL: Barriers and facilitators to stakeholder engagement in health guideline development: A qualitative evidence synthesis](#). Campbell Systematic Reviews. 2022. DOI:10.1002/cl2.1237

(3) Khabsa J, Petkovic J, Riddle A, Lytvyn L, Magwood O, Atwere P, Campbell P, Katikireddi SV, Merner B, Nasser M, Chang S, Jaramillo Garcia A, Limburg H, Guise JM, Tugwell P, Akl EA. [PROTOCOL: Conflict of interest issues when engaging stakeholders in health and healthcare guideline development: A systematic review](#). Campbell Systematic Reviews. 2022. DOI: 10.1002/cl2.1232

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Guidance for identifying stakeholders:

Parker R, Tomlinson E, Concannon TW, Akl E, Petkovic J, Welch VA, Crowe S, Palm M, Marusic A, Ekanem C, Bou Akl I, Saginur M, Moja L, Kuchenmüller T, Slingers N, Teixeira L, Dormer L, Lang E, Arayssi T, Greer-Smith R, Ben Brahem A, Avey M, Tugwell P. [Factors to consider during identification and invitation of individuals in a multi-stakeholder research project](#). Journal of General Internal Medicine. 2022.
DOI:10.1007/s11606-022-07411-w

Stakeholder Interviews - PLEASE HELP US IDENTIFY RESPONDENTS!

Thank you for your help with our survey regarding how and when stakeholders should be engaged with throughout guideline development!

Building on the results of the survey, we are inviting individuals representing any of our [10 stakeholder groups](#) to participate in interviews to provide opinions on the stages of guideline development for which their stakeholder group should be engaged as well as the preferred role (in decision-making or in providing advice/feedback).

The goal of the interview is to discuss certain items of the [GIN-McMaster checklist for guideline development](#) to better understand stakeholder preferences about involvement.

We hope to help guideline developers by providing guidance on how and when to involve stakeholders in the guideline development process. We are doing this by asking stakeholders what is important to them and how they want to be considered when guidelines are being made so that the recommendations that are made will reflect health outcomes stakeholders believe are important. We will use what we find to develop a list of recommendations to include in a guidance checklist for guideline developers.

Please contact Olivia Magwood (omagwood@bruyere.org) or visit our [interview webpage](#) to schedule an interview.

If you know someone who could participate in an interview, please connect them with [Olivia](#) or to our [interview webpage](#).

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GIN Conference 2022

Are you planning to attend the [GIN Conference](#) taking place in Toronto, Canada in September 2022? We are planning to host a meeting for MuSE Consortium Members. If you are planning to attend GIN, please get in touch with Jennifer (jennifer.petkovic@uottawa.ca).

MuSE Systematic Reviews – New Project

Last August, Maureen Smith, Peter Tugwell, and Vivian Welch received funding to develop guidance for multi-stakeholder engagement in systematic reviews.

Why is this research important?

People should be able to contribute to research that affects them. We call these people "stakeholders", and they include the general public, patients, their families, friends and caregivers, and professionals who provide treatment or plan services. Involving stakeholders has been shown to make research more relevant, of higher quality and have a greater impact on healthcare. Systematic reviews bring international literature together to provide best evidence about health care.

A well conducted systematic review provides the best evidence for decisions about health care treatments or services. Systematic reviews are used in the development of national and local guidelines.

Objectives:

1. To develop guidance for engaging stakeholders in systematic reviews.
2. To develop or adapt a reporting guideline for stakeholder engagement in systematic reviews.
3. To develop guidance for evaluating the impact of stakeholder engagement in systematic reviews.

Steps:

1. SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS. We will explore international literature using recognized methods for high quality reviews. The findings will influence the questions in step 2.

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2. SURVEYS & INTERVIEWS. We will add to the evidence from step 1 by asking authors of reviews about their stakeholder engagement. Then, we will conduct interviews with stakeholders who have been involved in systematic reviews. We will use the systematic reviews and interviews to develop a draft guidance checklist about methods, impact and reporting of stakeholder engagement. International stakeholders will take part in an online survey to refine the draft list of guidance items.

3. CONSENSUS. The results will be discussed at a consensus meeting.

4. DISSEMINATE FINDINGS. Guidance items agreed upon at the consensus meeting will be written into guidance documents. We will co-produce a dissemination plan, and work collaboratively to make sure our guidance is adopted by key organizations.

Additional details are available on the [project's webpage](#). We are finalizing the project protocol.

You are all invited to get involved in this project; contact Jennifer (jennifer.petkovic@uottawa.ca).

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