

## Project Aim

To improve the dissemination of evidence based recommendations by building on the work of the GRADE Working Group to develop and evaluate methods that address the targeted dissemination of guidelines.

## News

We have found that people want information from guidelines for a variety of purposes, including to manage their own care and as reassurance about the care they receive. But they have difficulty determining what guidelines and recommendations apply to their own situations.

## News

On Thursday 05 February 2015 Nancy Santesso and Shaun Treweek participated in a webinar for G-I-N North America entitled, "**Developing and Disseminating Patient Versions of Clinical Practice Guidelines: Feedback from Patients and the Public.**"

### Excerpt:

The comprehensive information in clinical practice guidelines represents an excellent source of information which can be communicated to patients and the public. Today, many guideline organisations write and provide some type of patient version of their guidelines. One stream of the DECIDE project ([www.decide-collaboration.eu](http://www.decide-collaboration.eu)) is exploring how to disseminate guidelines to this audience.

We will present the results from focus groups in patients and the public, a review of the literature about their views about guidelines, a content analysis of patient versions currently available, and user testing.

Based on some examples of patient versions which meet these needs and our user testing, we are developing guidance about how to write patient versions and are incorporating the guidance into the Guideline Development Tool/GRADEpro software (<http://www.guidelinedevelopment.org/>) to facilitate the production of patient versions from guidelines. Learning objectives:

1. Understand the difference between clinical and patient/public versions of clinical practice guidelines.
2. Learn what patients want from clinical practice guidelines and how they use this information
3. See different formats of patient versions of guidelines and how they will be incorporated into the Guideline Development Tool/GRADEpro software.

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The GRADEpro Guideline Development Tool (<http://www.guidelinedevelopment.org/>) includes the DECIDE Toolkit which contains templates for presentations of research evidence and recommendations (including text, tables and, if appropriate, figures) developed in DECIDE which can be tailored by Toolkit users. The Toolkit is a key 'project deliverable' (planned outcome) of the DECIDE project.

## Project Timeline - 2015

Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
	Toolkit (Deliverable D6.3)	GRADE / DECIDE meetings									
Month 49	Month 50	Month 51	Month 52	Month 53	Month 54	Month 55	Month 56	Month 57	Month 58	Month 59	Month 60

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