

DECIDE: Developing and Evaluating Communication Strategies to Support Informed Decisions and Practice Based on Evidence

Aims and objectives:

All of us – health professionals, patients, policymakers and the public – want to make healthcare decisions based on the best available research evidence. Experience shows, however, that this is complex for lots of reasons, including the overwhelming amount of (sometimes contradictory) research literature that is often presented in ways that are difficult for non-researchers to understand.

Our aims are to:

- **optimize the spread of knowledge and use of evidence-based interventions** in a sustainable way
- **move shared decision making forward and reduce the use of interventions where benefits are uncertain, particularly in relation to harms.**

DECIDE will develop and evaluate new ways of presenting research information in guidelines and tailor these to the information needs of patients, clinicians and policymakers - in other words to the key players who determine what happens in clinical practice. For this we will build on GRADE (<http://www.gradeworkinggroup.org/>), an internationally accepted approach to assessing and communicating the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations.

Partners

1. University of Aberdeen (UNIABDN) – project coordinator
2. Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (KS)
3. Iberoamerican Cochrane Center-Biomedical Research Institute Sant Pau (IR-HSCSP)
4. Italian Cochrane Centre (CCI)
5. University of Amsterdam (AMC)
6. World Health Organisation (WHO)
7. University Hospital Freiburg (UHF)
8. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
9. Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS)
10. Finnish Medical Society Duodecim (FMS)
11. Azienda Sanitaria Locale Roma (ASL RME.DE)
12. University of Dundee (UNIVDUN)

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