



G-I-N Conference
Berlin 2012

Global Evidence - International Diversity
Berlin, Germany, 22nd - 25th August 2012
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Experts for medical guidelines from all over the world are joining in Berlin!

Press Conference Invitation

For the annual conference of the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N)

Thursday, August 23, from 12.30 to 13.30 in the

Berlin Congress Center

Guidelines change the health system

No topic has been recently discussed more often than Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) and its applications to clinical practice guidelines. EBM is a systematic approach to clinical problem solving which allows the integration of the best available research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values. EBM has, without a doubt, changed health systems entirely by generating a knowledge base for decision making in clinical practice. Health care providers base their actions on this knowledge and not only on expert opinions.

Patients and their relatives particularly benefit from this development. By making evidence-based knowledge available to the general public, patients can take an active and self-determined role in their treatment process. G-I-N's International Guideline Library includes currently more than 6,500 international guidelines and other related documents, thus ensuring the availability of practice-oriented medical knowledge at international level.

Annual G-I-N conference in Berlin

The Guidelines International network (G-I-N) is a global network that supports evidence-based health care and improved health outcomes by reducing inappropriate variation throughout the world. G-I-N celebrates its 10-year anniversary during our annual conference in Berlin from 22-25 August 2012. At the invitation of the German Agency for Quality in Medicine (ÄZQ) and the German Association of the Scientific Medical Societies (AWMF), more than 500 guideline-experts and users from all over the world will join to share knowledge and expertise.

This year's theme follows the international learning approach by focusing on "Global Evidence – International Diversity". The program includes interactive sessions about methodology for the development, dissemination and the utilization of clinical practice guidelines and to exchange the best approaches to improve patient care. The opening ceremony on the morning of Thursday 23 August will focus on our tenth anniversary,

followed by a plenary session to discuss what we have accomplished in these 10 years and what lies ahead. The conference ends early afternoon on Saturday August 25.

Previous conferences took place in Edinburgh (UK), 2003, Wellington (NZ), 2004, Lyon (FR), 2005, Toronto (CA), 2007, Helsinki (FI), 2008, Lisbon (PT), 2009, Chicago (US), 2010 and Seoul (KR), 2011. G-I-N now celebrates its 10th anniversary in its birthplace, Berlin.

Detailed information about the congress can be found at www.gin2012.org.

We are looking forward to your participation at the press conference on Thursday, August 23 from 12.30 to 13.30 in Berlin and we would be delighted to have you as our guest throughout the conference. Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to office@g-i-n.net by 16 August 2012.

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