The G-I-N PUBLIC Toolkit - Best practice examples for guideline developers

In 2012, G-I-N PUBLIC first launched its Toolkit on Patient and Public Involvement in Guidelines that assembles international experiences and best practice examples of successful patient involvement. In 2015, it has undergone revision with new chapters being introduced.

Since its first launch, the toolkit has been discussed with guideline developers, consumers and patient organizations in workshops, webinars and at conferences. The G-I-N PUBLIC working group has learned from these fruitful discussions that it met a need by sharing experience rather that to prescribe what to do. However, these discussions have also revealed further topics that could be of interest for guideline developers or other toolkit users. The updated toolkit addresses these topics. And it will continue to be a living document.

What the Toolkit is about

After the introduction on how to choose an effective involvement strategy, the toolkit comprises ten chapters that provide advice on basic issues of patient and public involvement:

1. How to conduct public and targeted consultation (2012)
2. How to include qualitative research on patient views in guidelines (2015)
3. How to recruit and support patients and the public in guideline development (2012)
4. How guidelines can involve people facing barriers to participation (2015)
5. How the chair can facilitate PPI (2012)
7. Patient versions of guidelines (updated 2015)
8. Involving patients in guideline dissemination (2012)
9. How guidelines can support patient involvement in the clinic (2012)

Where to find the toolkit?

The Toolkit is freely available on our website: [http://www.g-i-n.net/activities/gin-public](http://www.g-i-n.net/activities/gin-public)
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… is an international working group of researchers, health professionals and patient/public representatives that supports patient and public involvement in clinical guideline activity around the world. G-I-N PUBLIC was established in 2007, as a working group of the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N).

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