



G-I-N PUBLIC's Toolkit on Patient and Public Involvement in Guidelines

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

In 2012, G-I-N PUBLIC launched its **Toolkit on Patient and Public Involvement in Guidelines** that assembles international experiences and best practice examples of successful patient involvement. Motivations and purposes for patient/public involvement may differ, as do guideline development settings and resources made available. As a result, a variety of methods can be used and effective involvement starts with finding the *right method*. But, it is also about *doing it right*. The G-I-N PUBLIC Toolkit provides practical support to choose and conduct a range of involvement methods.



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Where to find the toolkit?

The Toolkit is freely available on our website:
<http://www.g-i-n.net/working-groups/gin-public>

What the Toolkit is about

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

1. How to conduct public and targeted consultation
2. How to recruit and support patient/public members
3. How the Chair can facilitate PPI
4. Patient versions of guidelines
5. Involving patients and the public in guideline dissemination
6. How guidelines can support patient involvement in the clinic

The toolkit is designed to be a "living document" and will be expanded and updated as experience, literature and methodology continue to evolve. **Contact us to get involved in writing Toolkit part Two!**

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G-I-N PUBLIC ...

... 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 one of nine working groups of the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N).



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