

GIRAnet Interest Group Newsletter

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Hello GIRAnet Interest Group Members,

Below is a quarterly update of Guideline Implementability Research and Application Network (GIRAnet) activities and products. [GIRAnet](#) is a collaboration of international guideline developers, implementers, and researchers that seek to integrate guideline implementation with guideline development. We will identify and describe existing guideline implementability tools (GIttools), and develop and evaluate new tools. While there are many types, we are interested in implementability tools that support guideline resource planning, implementation and evaluation.

GIRAnet ACTIVITIES AT THE G-I-N MEETING IN BERLIN

The GIRAnet [Steering Committee](#) met at the recent G-I-N meeting in Berlin to review progress and plan next steps, including the development of a GIttool directory.

A [poster was presented at the G-I-N conference](#) that summarized findings from a systematic review of the health care and organizational management literature on network features that promote successful knowledge exchange. The findings will be used to inform ongoing GIRAnet activities.

CRITERIA AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING GUIDELINE IMPLEMENTABILITY TOOLS (GIttools)

Thank you to all interest group members that recently completed a survey to define GIttools, and identify criteria by which to develop and assess the merits of GIttools. Respondents suggested a number of required (tool objectives are states, target users identified, development described, underpinning evidence cited) and ideal (quality of evidence described, development incorporated user input, pilot-testing with stakeholders, full-scale evaluation, mechanism to prospectively gather feedback for improvement and to monitor use and impact) GIttool Assessment Criteria. We will circulate a full report on our findings. Based on this initial list of criteria, we will now undertake a more rigorous process to confirm and expand on those criteria using the modified Delphi technique and then field testing for usability (ease of use given content and format) and content validity (criteria reflect relevant domains), and to ensure that its application is reliable (agreement between different raters of same GIttool).

GIttool DIRECTORY

We searched for GIttools in a variety of guidelines and other sources. Thus far we identified 33 resource implications tools, 38 implementation tools, and 33 evaluation tools. We are currently developing a searchable Internet directory of GIttools, which will be initially populated with the tools identified thus far. **Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/73MVRJJ> to complete a very brief survey that will help us to establish the data elements for describing each GIttool that appears in the GIttool directory.** You are welcome to share the survey link with your colleagues and we will share the results with you in the next newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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