

# Recommending Working Group Notes from Microsoft Teams call on 11 September 2020

### 1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review previous meeting notes and action items from August 28 (see attachment 2)
- b. Discuss inventory presentation from previous meeting and next steps for Recommending WG
- Ivan reviewed the inventory presentation and discussed potential implications for Recommending working group
  - Possibility to highlight high quality guidelines in an additional column in the inventory, but would require assessment expertise, time and funds to do comprehensively.
- Focus initially on low hanging fruit
  - o link to work led by Yasser on critical care guideline assessments
  - o link to INAHTA database, especially with respect to COVID-specific guidelines
- Challenging to identify broadly applicable guidelines due to variations in context and different interpretations of SR findings; need to explicitly recognize these variations
- Suggest increased accessibility of inventory by including outcomes assessed and time of treatment to know utility of reviews

ACTION: Group to consider any role for Recommending group in supporting inventory and linkages to guideline community; to be discussed at future meeting

### 2. RECOMMENDING WG PRESENTATION AT PARTNERS MEETING

- a. Debrief and discuss the presentation 'International alliance and AGREE-ment of 45 rapid guidelines on the management of critical care patients with COVID-19' (see attachment 3)
- b. Questions from presentation:
  - i. From Per Olav Vandvik: Great work Yasser. How do you think your AGREE II scores compare with TRUST scores (IOM trustworthy guideline criteria tool, as used by ECRI Guideline Trust) compare?
  - ii. From Elie Akl: Thanks Amer. Rapid guidelines use a number of "shortcuts". could that explain the results on domain 3? AGREE II was developed for standard guidelines, and might not be optimal for rapid guidelines?
  - iii. From Gabriel Rada: Thanks Amer, did you measure or plan to explore if the recommendations were up to date (e.g. based directly or indirectly [through reviews] including all of the available trials)?
  - iv. From Per Olav Vandvik: I think rapid guidelines need to be assessed for trustworthiness and any shortcuts should be communicated through quality assessments

• Ivan shared that Yasser's presentation was well-received at partners meeting and that a journal article describing this work has been submitted; he will update the group once published

### 3. GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

- Michael shared the guideline development document, with incorporated comments, a navigation guide at the beginning and an interactive flow charts later in the document
- Group members made several suggestions:
  - Stating that many organizations develop guidelines and document includes several examples
  - o Including tools that INAHTA posts to support the evaluation of HTAs
  - Indicate databases that require sign-ins, registering, membership, etc (SIGN, EUnetHTA)
- Group to finalize document within next 7-10 days and then identify how to link together with the Synthesizing resource document

ACTION: Michael to share the document on Monday evening, group members to provide feedback by Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> to have a finalized version for the following Friday

## 4. JOINT SYNTHESIZING-RECOMMENDING MEETING

- a. Next meeting: Wednesday September 16th at 7am EST
- b. Agenda to include:
  - i. Allison Tong from the University of Sydney to join to discuss core outcomes set
  - ii. Discuss registry of guidelines (to be confirmed)

ACTION: Safa to send invitations for joint Synthesizing-Recommending working group to all members of Recommending working group