

CTS Patient/Public Involvement Process At-a-Glance

CONSULTATION

AND/OR

PARTICIPATION

Consultations may be open to the public and/or targeted to relevant patient/public organizations. Consultations should be considered at all and any stage of guideline development from:

- Determining scope/PICO questions
- > Identifying outcomes of interest
- Identifying literature of interest (grey literature)
- Drafting recommendations
- Prioritizing recommendations for implementation
- Crafting an implementation strategy

Suggested consultation activities:

- Meetings or workshops: conduct in person or online consultations
- Research with patients: use methods such as surveys, focus groups and interviews
- Leveraging existing literature: search both qualitative and quantitative literature for existing data on patient/public views germane to the auideline topic
- Peer review: designate 1 or more patients for peer review of the guideline before finalization

Consider the following factors when recruiting and supporting patients and the public in guideline development:

- Roles, skills and experience of patient/public member
- > **Type of recruitment**: open recruitment (advertise a post), nominations from organizations, etc.
 - At recruitment stage, consider what financial compensation, if any, you will offer
- Training: online resources to support self-directed learning
- Group dynamics requires a <u>skilled Chair</u> with a set of responsibilities to empower patient and public members to contribute more meaningfully
- Acknowledgement: consider providing patient and public members with the same authorship credits as the health professionals involved

Submit a proposal to CRGC

Patient and Public Involvement ideas are suggested at the proposal stage. Proposals are submitted to the Canadian Respiratory Guidelines Committee (CRGC). In some cases, patient and/or public consultation will then occur before the first guideline panel meeting.

First guideline panel meeting

At the first guideline panel meeting, there will be a discussion on implementing patient and/or public involvement initiatives in the guideline development process, and discussion of results of patient and/or public consultation, if already completed.

Guideline Production
Proceed with patient/public consultation and/or participation.

Guideline Dissemination *Engage patients to help craft patient/public messaging

Communication strategies can include:

- production of plain language versions of guidelines
- development of patient decision aids
- development of patient-facing educational material
- > Direct-to-patient communication strategies such as:
 - social media
 - through patient organizations (newsletters, annual meetings, conferences, regional events, website, etc.)