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Evidence can cross borders - can guidelines do the same?

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Type of workshop: Round table discussion after introductory presentations.

Target group: Guideline developers interested in adapting existing guidelines

Length: 90 minutes

Speakers: S. Rabady (AUT), I. Kunnamo (FI)

Background and main Topics: The “Evidence-based Medicine Guidelines” have been developed in Finland for rapid online information in GP decision making. The first adaptation to a different health system was published in Austria, and disseminated also in Germany and Switzerland both in print and on-line versions. The practical organization and resource implications of guideline adaptation will be presented. A comparative analysis of usage data shows important differences in the relative use rates of different guideline topics, and user surveys identify differences in acceptance and attitudes in different countries.

The workshop participants will evaluate and discuss the adaptation methodology, the causes and solutions of problems, and the methods of assessing the success of adaptation.

Main goals: (1) Identify essential tasks in guideline adaptation, (2) Explore the role of log files in assessing user needs and behaviour, (3) Promote international collaboration in developing methods of guideline adaptation.

Expected results: Establish a network of guideline developers interested in adaptation.