

Exploratory Meeting:
G-I-N United States Interest Group
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You are invited to participate in an exploratory meeting for the G-I-N United States Interest Group at the Guideline International Network Conference 2010 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The meeting will take place on Thursday 26 August from 5.45pm to 7.15 pm at the Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile.

Guideline development in the United States has been championed largely by professional medical associations and other organizations with diverse methodology and limited interaction. Many of these developers are unaware of G-I-N and those that are may not realize the potential benefits that greater participation in the network can afford.

The purpose of this exploratory meeting is to assess interest in a United States Interest Group within G-I-N, similar to the United States Contributors Group within the Cochrane Collaboration. Goals of the interest group might include:

1. Discussing regional issues in the United States related to guideline development
2. Identifying and sharing best practices
3. Improving communication among guideline developers in the United States
4. Creating win-win relationships with G-I-N and the international community
5. Developing strategies to share resources and adapt existing guidelines

This exploratory meeting is open to all who wish to contribute but individuals and groups in the following categories may find the group of particular interest:

- Professional medical associations with an interest in guideline development
- Governmental agencies that support or coordinate guideline activities
- Individuals seeking to enhance personal or organizational guideline efforts
- United States attendees interested in new ideas and collaborative opportunities
- International attendees wishing to share insights and experience

The one-hour session will consist of informal discussion to determine (a) interest in establishing a G-I-N United States Interest Group, (b) preliminary ideas for the mission and goals of the group, (c) ideas for identifying and recruiting members, and (d) strategies for how the interest group could help promote win-win relationships between the G-I-N and United States guideline developers.

We look forward to a lively and productive session.