



Guideline International Network Emergency Care Community

Steering Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Steering Group is to provide advice and guidance for the development and growth of the Guideline International Network (G-I-N) Emergency Care Community.

Background

In 2007 G-I-N, in partnership with the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia established an online community to support collaboration across the field of international emergency care to improve the application of clinical guidelines. The core objectives of the G-I-N Emergency Care Community are to:

- Distill knowledge and recommendations from existing high quality clinical guidelines that can be contextualized in local settings
- Undertake specific small-scale projects that could relate to guideline appraisal, implementation, dissemination or usability.
- Provide the membership with access to both clinical knowledge and expertise in guideline development and implementation
- Provide a 'virtual' space for the sharing of resources, tools and knowledge that supports application of guidelines.

The Role of the Steering Group

- To advise and guide the strategic development of the G-I-N Emergency Care Community by providing timely and considered recommendations
- To identify and prioritise topics or projects that, based on the best available knowledge, could address practice gaps in emergency care in developed and developing countries
- To offer advice on relevant issues arising from the activities and outputs generated by the G-I-N Emergency Care Community, and
- To advise on future directions and development of the community.

Membership

Individuals with experience, knowledge and interest in improving the application of guidelines in emergency care to improve health outcomes can volunteer or be nominated for a position on the Steering Group . Membership will include representation from the membership of the G-I-N EC Community (including the clinical and academic sectors), G-I-N Executive, G-I-N EC community coordinator and key partnering agencies.

Process

The Steering Group will meet via teleconference at least twice a year with ongoing email contact for issues arising in the interim. To keep costs to a minimum internet based teleconferences will be used and if other arrangements are necessary, this will be done in consultation with the Steering Committee. The duration of the meetings will be for 1-2hrs.





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G-I-N Emergency Care Community Steering Group (April 2009)

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