

## WS07

### AGREE II Train the Trainer

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The AGREE II is the new international standard for the development, reporting, and evaluation of practice guidelines. It replaces the original AGREE Instrument and supporting documentation as the Instrument of choice. AGREE II is comprised of 23 items reflecting six quality domains and a new User's Manual. Key changes from the original AGREE Instrument include a new 7-point scale, changes to approximately half of the original 23 items, and a significant restructuring of the supporting documentation. The new User's Manual includes for each item: descriptions and specific examples, where to find the information in the guideline document, and guidance for how to rate the item including 'criteria' and 'considerations'. The Manual is prefaced with information regarding considerations for undertaking the appraisal using AGREE II.

Given the AGREE's extensive use and potential impacts, communication regarding the new AGREE II, its difference from the original Instrument, instruction on how to capitalize on the User's Manual, and instruction on facilitating its optimum use are warranted. **This is a training workshop.**

Training goals:

The key goals of this workshop are:

- To introduce the AGREE II.
- To build capacity that will enable participants to train colleagues and stakeholders in their communities and contexts to use the AGREE II appropriately and effectively.
- To profile and test some of AGREE II training tools and aids.
- To explore the options of creating a community of practice of AGREE II trainers.

**Targets:** This workshop is intended for individuals with experience with the original AGREE Instrument or the AGREE II. We will be able to accommodate up to 25 participants. Workshop A is a prerequisite for those who are novices to the AGREE enterprise.

**What to expect:** Individuals participating in Workshop B will be asked to arrive having read a pre-assigned guideline. We will communicate, through the GIN community and the AGREE Research Trust Web Site ([www.agreeretrust.org](http://www.agreeretrust.org)), the required reading. After a brief introduction to the AGREE II, participants will engage in interactive activities aimed to profile, use and refine training resources; apply the AGREE II and the resources and evaluate the pre-assigned guideline; and discuss how we can sustain skills and develop a critical mass of training experts with the AGREE II.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Individuals participating in this workshop are expected to:

- Understand the differences between the original AGREE Instrument and the new AGREE II,

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- Develop skills to apply the AGREE II appropriately and effectively, and
- Develop skills to train others on the appropriate and effective use of the AGREE II

Item for Presentation	Objective	Presentation Modality and Action
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Outline of workshop &amp; objectives</p> <p>Anticipated outcomes of workshop</p>	<p><i>To establish a framework for the attendees for what they can expect to receive and achieve through the workshop.</i></p>	<p>Round table.</p> <p>Power point presentation.</p>
<p>What we have learned from stakeholders about the AGREE II</p>	<p><i>To review the qualitative work of AGREE Next Steps Consortium as it relates to facilitating the use of the tool by stakeholders.</i></p>	<p>Power point presentation.</p>
<p>AGREE II Instruction</p>	<p><i>To have participants review and apply the training materials to evaluate the practice guideline.</i></p>	<p>Power point presentation.</p> <p>Use of training materials.</p> <p>Round table discussions.</p>
<p>Feedback</p>	<p><i>To understand the training materials that were useful and less useful (qualitative feedback and quantitative feedback).</i></p> <p><i>To brainstorm on other strategies to facilitate appropriate use of the tool.</i></p>	<p>Round table discussion.</p> <p>What worked and what did not work.</p> <p>Recommendations for improving strategy.</p> <p>Completion of training material evaluation forms.</p>
<p>AGREE II Tools</p>	<p><i>To introduce the goal of an AGREE II on-line interactive training platform.</i></p> <p><i>To introduce the ART Web Site and AGREE II resources available.</i></p>	<p>Power point presentation.</p> <p>Web site presentation of ART Web Site.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p><i>To review future plans for the AGREE II.</i></p> <p><i>Proposal: Establishing a Community of Practice of Trainers.</i></p> <p><i>Evaluation</i></p>	<p>Power point presentation.</p> <p>Open discussion.</p> <p>Complete session evaluation.</p>