

## **Global Evidence Summit (GES) in Cape Town, South Africa from 13-16 September 2017**

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**Hosted by Cochrane South Africa, South African Medical Research Council, the partners include; Cochrane, Guidelines International Network, The Campbell Collaboration, the International Society for Evidence-based Health Care, and the Joanna Briggs Institute**

It is the first global meeting of its kind which will highlight how using evidence and information helps people make better decisions to improve lives, as well as enhancing capacity development and future research in the fields of health and social development. The theme of the GES, 'Using Evidence. Improving Lives', will highlight and promote evidence-informed approaches to health policy and development, offering the most cost-effective interventions.

The summit will focus on the opportunities and challenges facing low and middle income countries - a reason why the GES is to be hosted in Cape Town, South Africa. Colloquia provide the host country or region with a unique opportunity to influence health decision-making at a national and regional level. The event is expected to attract up to 2000 delegates and will bring together many parts of the evidence community to promote evidence-informed decision-making worldwide.

### **Summit participants include:**

#### **Researchers and scientists**

Individuals involved in conducting health research, undertaking research syntheses, developing methods for identifying, appraising, and synthesizing evidence, translating research evidence into practice and policy, and exploring new ways of producing and using evidence.

#### **Health practitioners**

Individuals involved in the delivery of health care, including physicians, nurses, allied health practitioners, midwives, specialists, and many more.

#### **Policy makers**

Those responsible for making recommendations and decisions regarding healthcare policy (drug coverage, best-practice guidelines, etc.), including health technology assessors responsible for informing technology-related policy making in health care.

#### **Consumers and patients**

Individuals who are either patients themselves or advocate on behalf of patients.

### **Key Dates 2017**



5 January	Call for abstracts, workshops and other sessions ( <a href="http://globalevidencesummit.org/news/call-abstracts-now-open">globalevidencesummit.org/news/call-abstracts-now-open</a> )
1 March	Call for abstracts closes Early registration opens Call for stipends open
1 July	Standard registration opens
12 September	Pre-summit events
13-16 September	Global Evidence Summit

## Meeting Structure

- Up to six plenary sessions featuring world-renowned speakers drawn from within the organization or from related fields;
- More than 60 workshops tailored specifically to advancing participants' knowledge in their ongoing Cochrane work;
- More than 100 oral presentations and more than 250 scientific posters to keep participants up to date with new methods, initiatives, and challenges.

## Partners

### Cochrane

Cochrane is a global independent network of researchers, professionals, patients, carers and people interested in health. We respond to the challenge of making the vast amounts of best available evidence generated through research useful for informing decisions about health. Cochrane is a not-for-profit organisation with collaborators from more than 130 countries working together to produce credible, accessible health information that is free from commercial sponsorship and other conflicts of interest.

### Campbell Collaboration

The Campbell Collaboration is a voluntary, non-profit, international research network. We produce and disseminate systematic reviews of the effects of interventions in the social and behavioural sciences. Our mission is to enhance the evidence basis so that policymakers, practitioners, and service recipients are better equipped to make informed decisions. This can improve people's lives, by improving the quality of public and private services.

### Guidelines International Network

G-I-N's mission is to lead, strengthen, and support collaboration in guideline development, adaptation and implementation. As a major player on the global healthcare quality stage, G-I-N facilitates networking, promotes excellence and helps our members create high quality clinical practice guidelines that foster safe and effective patient care.

### Joanna Briggs Institute

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) is the international not-for-profit research and development centre within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. The Institute collaborates internationally with over 70 entities across the world. The Institute and its collaborating entities promote and support the synthesis, transfer, and utilization of evidence through identifying feasible, appropriate, meaningful and effective healthcare practices to assist in the improvement of healthcare outcomes globally.

### Society for Evidence-Based Health Care

The mission of the Society for Evidence-Based Health Care is to develop, and encourage research in, the appropriate usage of evidence in healthcare decision making and to promote and provide professional and public education in the field.