



## Establishment of Regional Guidelines Group for Australia & New Zealand

The Guidelines-International-Network (G-I-N) has established a regional group that links organisations, groups and individuals with an interest in guidelines developed to improve health care in Australia and New Zealand.

**Background:** The Guidelines-International Network (G-I-N) is a global network, founded in 2002, that seeks to improve the quality of health care by promoting systematic development of clinical practice guidelines and their application into practice. The G-I-N mission is to lead, strengthen and support collaboration and work within the guideline development, adaptation and implementation community. It has grown to comprise 93 member organisations, and 120 individual members, representing 44 countries.

**Regional G-I-N Groups:** To promote the G-I-N mission at local levels, a number of countries and regions have established successful regional groups, for example the G-I-N Nordic Network, G-I-N North America and G-I-N Gulf States. Run by G-I-N members, for members and affiliates, these regional groups support networking and capacity building via meetings, webinars and online forums.

**Aims of G-I-N ANZ Regional Group:** A regional group for Australia and New Zealand (G-I-N ANZ) will aim to promote and support local links and initiatives for organisations, groups and individuals with an interest in clinical and public health guidelines. The group's objectives are to:

- Provide a localised network for guideline users, developers, researchers, and implementers
- Promote regional efficiencies and effectiveness of evidence-based guidance including guideline formats, development, adaptation, updating, dissemination, and implementation
- Coordinate with other health quality improvement initiatives in Australia and New Zealand
- Organise and promote sharing of knowledge and regional events including an annual forum.

### Benefits of joining:

- Networking with others involved locally in guidelines to share “lessons learned”
- Access to others with similar interests for collaboration, mentoring and problem solving
- Sharing efficient methods for prioritising, developing, updating and implementing guidelines
- Exploring emerging trends in guideline development including online formats and guidelines to support management of chronic and complex conditions
- Opportunities for collaborative evaluation and research on guideline development and use.
- Exposure to the Guidelines-International-Network

**Who can be involved in G-I-N ANZ?** Current G-I-N member organisations and individuals in Australia and New Zealand are encouraged to join. Participation is also open to other organisations and individuals in Australia and New Zealand, as well as the nearby Asia and Pacific region, involved in the production, implementation and use of guidelines including: methodologists; systematic reviewers; technical/medical writers; clinicians; consumers; researchers; policy makers; funders; project managers and other stakeholders who demonstrate a specific role or interest in guidelines.

## Must I become a G-I-N member to join?

You can subscribe to our mailing list as a non-member to get acquainted with our activities, which we hope will convince you to become an active G-I-N member. G-I-N membership confers significant benefits that include access to resources, working groups (including G-I-N ANZ), guideline development tools, a newsletter and the guideline library. Full members can interact and network with the international G-I-N community to exchange ideas, receive advice, and avoid duplicating efforts.

**Interested in joining?** If you are interested in joining this group, email us at [a-nz@g-i-n.net](mailto:a-nz@g-i-n.net)

**Steering group:** Members of G-I-N ANZ Steering Group include:

Tim Benson, Health Consumer Advocate

Cindy Farquhar, Coordinating Editor of the Cochrane Menstrual Disorders and Sub fertility Group, past Chairman of the Board of New Zealand Guidelines Group and member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Rosie Forster, G-I-N individual member

Davina Ghersi, National Health and Medical Research Council

Robert Grenfell, National Heart Foundation

Kelvin Hill, National Stroke Foundation

Sue Huckson, Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society, G-I-N Board member

Sue Lukersmith, G-I-N individual member

Catherine Marshall, Independent Guideline Adviser, Honorary Patron G-I-N and Associate Member of the Consumer Collaboration of Aotearoa

Denise O'Connor, Australasian Cochrane Centre member

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Sue Phillips, Therapeutic Guidelines Ltd, G-I-N Board member