



Librarian Collaboration in Guideline Development

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This paper describes the experience of three librarians from different institutions working together on a national guideline, the benefits of that collaboration, a suggested approach, and the questions that should be asked beforehand to ensure the experience is efficient and the guideline is of the highest quality.

Objective



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How It Started....

American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) guideline



Start date: October 2020



5 clinical faculty from different institutions



9 PICO questions



Want search strategies completed by Jan 31, 2021



Librarian acknowledgement, not authorship

What is a Guideline?

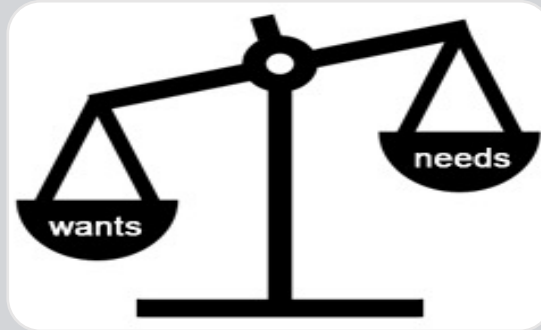


Clinical practice guidelines are "systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances."

Challenges of Collaborating on Guidelines



Best
practices



Wants vs
needs



Time
constraints

Questions to Discuss with Team



Authorship vs acknowledgement

Time commitment

Number and complexity of research questions

Team experience with guideline development

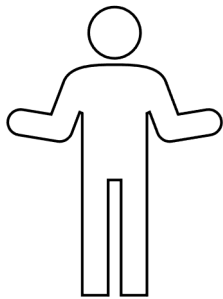
Project management and process

Research team support

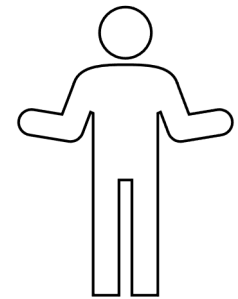
Cross-institutional librarian collaboration

Authorship vs. Acknowledgement

“Traditionally, we haven't awarded librarians authorship, but given the work they often contribute, it may be merited.
– ACG guideline editor



“Only the Board-approved authors and primary GRADE methodologist are recognized as authors on the Guideline.”
– ACG guideline editor



American Journal of Gastroenterology:

- “Each person listed as an author is expected to have participated in the study to a significant extent.”
- “List the role played by each author, e.g., in planning and/or conducting the study, collecting and/or interpreting data, and/ or drafting the manuscript. For each author, there should also be a statement that he or she has approved the final draft submitted. Refer to the ICMJE guidelines for appropriate input for authorship.”



Time commitment

- Timeline for entire project
- Due dates for searches



Research questions

- Number of questions
- Complexity of questions
- Expectations on number to screen
- Alignment of PICO question and benchmarking articles



Team experience with guideline development

- Association best practices



Project management and process

- Team lead
- Professional association liaison/mentor



Research team support

- Support from supervisors
- Admin to upload PDFs
- Software access



Cross-institutional librarian collaboration

- Contact colleagues... even if team already has

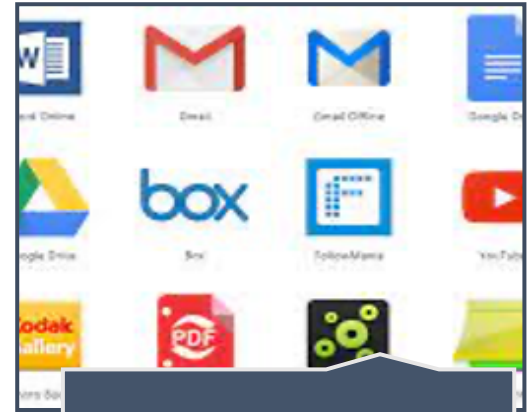
Benefits of Librarian Collaboration



Shared workload



Relationships =
opportunities



New skills, software



Peer review



Sounding board

Concluding Thoughts: action items



Ask for authorship

Be realistic about the time commitment

Confirm details of research questions

Gauge team experience with guideline development

Discuss project management and process details

Obtain research team support

Engage in cross-institutional librarian collaboration



Thank you!

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