Priority III

Setting priorities for rapid review research

Participant Information Leaflet

We invite you to take part in an online survey as part of a research study to identify the most important research questions on how we plan, do and share the results of rapid reviews.

This leaflet explains the purpose of the research, what taking part will involve, the voluntary nature of the study and the right to withdraw at any time. Please take the time to read this information carefully and feel free to contact the research team if you have any questions (see the end of this leaflet).

Title of study;

Priority III- A Rapid Review Priority Setting Partnership

Purpose of this research;

This research study aims to determine the most important research questions on how we bring together and summarise information from lots of different research studies, using an approach called a 'rapid review'.

A **rapid review** brings together and summarises information from lots of different research studies to produce evidence for people such as the public, researchers, policymakers and funders in a systematic, resource-efficient manner. This is done by speeding up the ways we plan, do and/or share the results of conventional structured (systematic) reviews, by simplifying or omitting a variety of methods.

We would like to improve how ***rapid reviews*** are done. To do so, we need to determine the most important questions to be answered about how they are done.

Are there any benefits or risks to me taking part?

The views and opinions you provide through the online survey will improve how we plan, do and share rapid reviews. This, in turn, will help inform better health care decisions. There are no risks to taking part.

How do I know if I am eligible?

You are eligible to take part in this online survey if you are over 18 years of age and are one of the following stakeholder groups; patient and public representatives, reviewers, researchers, clinicians, policymakers and funders who are or have been involved directly in, or stand to benefit from, the design, conduct and reporting of evidence syntheses, systematic reviews or rapid reviews. Due to the unavailability of translation services, you must also have a competent level of fluency in English to take part in the study.

What does taking part involve?

There are three stages of the Priority III project. The first stage was an online survey, launched in October 2020, and asked people to tell us what they thought were the most important questions about how we plan, do, and share the results of rapid reviews. We now need to know which of these questions are priorities.

We are asking you to select the 10 questions that you think are the most important for future research on how we plan, do and share the results of rapid reviews to answer.

The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you would prefer to give us your answers on paper, please contact us using the details provided at the end of the Participant Information Leaflet, and we will send you a paper copy of the survey.

Voluntary participation

Participation is entirely voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. If you decide not to participate in this study, or if you withdraw, there will be no negative consequences, and you will not be expected to give any reason for your decision.

Confidentiality

Your identity will remain confidential. All data from the survey will be stored securely in the National University of Ireland, Galway, under the stewardship of the research team and destroyed after seven years as per GDPR and the National University of Ireland, Galway policies and procedures.

What will happen to the findings of this study?

The questions that have been rated as most important by participants in this survey will be brought forward to a two half-day workshops that will finalise the top 10 list of the most important questions.

If you are interested in attending these workshops please contact claire.beecher@nuigalway.ie. The results of this study will also be submitted to peer reviewed research journals for publication.

Compensation

This study is covered by standard institutional indemnity insurance. Nothing in this document restricts or curtails your rights.

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Has this study received ethical approval?

Yes, this study has received approval from the following research ethics committee;

National University of Ireland, Galway Research Ethics Committee
Research Office

Room 212
Research and Innovation Centre
NUI Galway
Tel: 353 91 495312

Is there someone available to answer any questions that I may have about taking part?

Yes. You can get more information about the study, your participation in the study and your rights by contacting the research team. Contact details are as follows;

E-mail: claire.beecher@nuigalway.ie

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We hope you will consider taking part.
The survey is now open, and it will close on Thursday, 6th May 2021.