



Training professionals in clinical guideline development: Increasing quality by collaborating

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Background

To deliver high-quality clinical guidelines, we increasingly need a capacity of experts trained in guideline development methodology. The Working group 'Development of primary care guidelines' (WOREL) and the Belgian Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (Cebam) collaborate to train healthcare professionals and academics in guideline development.

To describe the Belgian approach of guideline development training

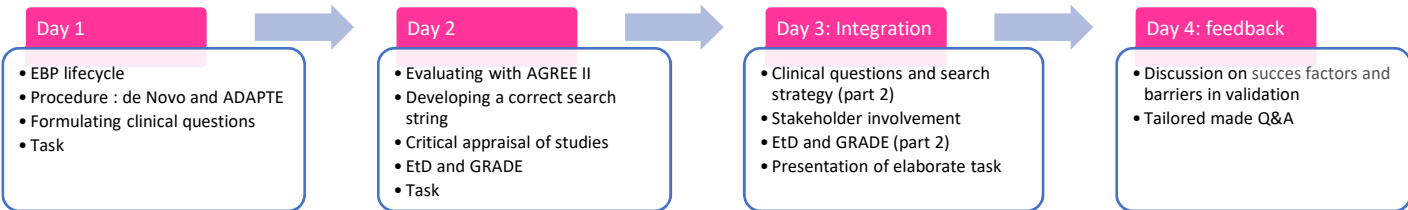
Objective

Method

A team of senior guideline development experts determined the content and methods of the training which are based on the international standards of guideline development. The didactic methods of the training respond to both the learning objectives and the needs of the participants.

Twice a year a four-day training on guideline development takes place. This training is preceded by a three-day EBM training and a one-day introduction to guidelines. These additional trainings are optional, but highly recommended. The training on guideline development is aimed to all healthcare professionals and other interested persons. The blended course consists of two online sessions, one face-to-face in-depth training and a self-study part. After six months an extra training day is planned during which participants can discuss problems experienced during their own guideline development process. The course is given in Dutch as well as in French.

Results



Discussion and conclusion

The blended design meets the needs and learning objectives, and enhances the acquisition of the necessary competences regarding guideline development. The added value of the training is that it is offered in the native language of the participants and given by trainers who know the Belgian health context.

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