TaskExchange: A new hub for Cochrane Consumers

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Statement of Principles for Consumer Involvement in Cochrane

“Equity, inclusion and partnership.”
Consumer involvement in Cochrane
Patients & Consumers Have Unique Knowledge

https://consumers.cochrane.org/healthcare-users-cochrane
Why TaskExchange?
Emily Steele - What I’d like to do

1. Introduce TaskExchange as a way to get involved in producing evidence.
2. Demonstrate how to use TaskExchange to find opportunities that suit you.
3. Share links to further information.
What is TaskExchange?

• An online platform that brings people together to get health evidence projects done more quickly
  – Systematic review, guideline or other evidence synthesis work
• The place to go if you need help
  – A way to overcome time & skill challenges
• The place to go if you want to help out
  – Opportunities for meaningful contributions by consumers
We are a global health evidence synthesis community of almost 3000 people.
15% of task posters seek consumer input
Get rewarded for helping out

For each task undertaken you’ll receive one of the following:

- Acknowledgement
- Payment
- Authorship

You can also accumulate recommendations on your TaskExchange profile
Benefits of joining TaskExchange in addition to the Cochrane Consumer Network

- More & different opportunities to contribute to health evidence projects
- Weekly alerts specific to your interests
- Collect recommendations
  - For your CV, portfolio, job applications, etc.
Example 1 (of 3) consumer task

**Cochrane Vascular Consumer referee needed**

**Skills:** Consumer Input, Review - Consumer

Propionyl-L-carnitine for intermittent claudication

We are looking for people to comment on the review 'Propionyl-L-carnitine for intermittent claudication'. If you have personal or carer experience of this condition (pain in the legs or buttocks which occurs with exercise and goes away with rest) your comments would be very useful. Systematic review methodology expertise is not needed. If you are interested we will send you the review and a comments checklist.

**Ideal Applicant**

A patient or carer with experience of this condition.

**Express your interest**

Send Cathryn a message explaining why you’re the best person to help. Be specific about your skills. They’ll also receive a link to your profile on TaskExchange so make sure it’s up to date.
Example 2 (of 3) consumer task

Heart & circulation

**Consumer input for review of outpatient and inpatient treatment for blood clots in the lung**

Skills: Consumer Input

Outpatient versus inpatient treatment for acute pulmonary embolism
We are looking for people to comment on the review ‘Outpatient versus inpatient treatment for acute pulmonary embolism (blood clot in the lung)’. If you have personal or carer experience of this condition your comments would be very useful. Systematic review methodology expertise is not needed. If you are interested we will send you the review and a comments checklist.

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**Express your interest**

Send Marlene a message explaining why you’re the best person to help. Be specific about your skills. They’ll also receive a link to your profile on TaskExchange so make sure it’s up to date.

Send
Example 3 (of 3) consumer task

Cochrane - Consumer Network
Consumer & communication strategies

Seeking patient partner for guideline panel with experience of subclinical hypothyroidism - October 2018-December 2018, approx 10 hours total


We're looking for patient partners to join our international guideline panel team to develop a recommendation on using thyroid hormone therapy among patients with subclinical hypothyroidism (elevated thyrotropin levels, but normal thyroid hormone levels).
Example 3 (of 3) consumer task

*Who are we looking for?*
We're looking for adults (men and women) who have lived experience with diagnosed subclinical hypothyroidism, who may or may not have experience with thyroid hormone replacement therapy. Persons who have or are at risk for other health conditions, such as cardiovascular disease (hypertension, diabetes, etc.) are eligible. Pregnant women or women who are considering becoming pregnant are not eligible (since their care pathway is significantly different than for other persons with subclinical hypothyroidism).

*What is required?*
The time commitment would be approximately 3 months, and the total active involvement time is approximately 8-10+ hours (depending how involved you would like to be). The tasks include: 1) introduction call about the guideline involvement process and the commitments from the panel members (30-45 minutes), 2) review and provide feedback on the systematic review protocol, to identify and prioritize patient-important outcomes (30-45 minutes), 3) participate in an introductory session to explain the evidence from the systematic review (generated by separate team), and answer any questions you may have (60-90 minutes), 4) participate in a teleconference with the guideline panel (clinicians, methodologists, patients) *scheduled for the first week of November* and draft recommendations (90 minutes), and 5) review and provide feedback to the guideline manuscript and decision aids (60+ minutes).
How TaskExchange works for helpers

1. **Login to TaskExchange**
2. **Create your profile**
3. **Browse the list of tasks** to find the tasks that interest you.
4. **And when the task needs to be completed by**
5. **See what reward is offered**
6. **Receive notifications** when tasks are posted that are relevant for you.
7. **Let TaskExchange connect you with people who need help**
8. **Success! Complete your task and help finish a project**
Demonstration

https://taskexchange.cochrane.org/
What you can do

- Sign up to Cochrane Consumer Network consumers.cochrane.org
- Sign up to taskexchange.cochrane.org
  - Complete your profile
  - Sign up to task alerts
  - Browse consumer tasks & respond to those of interest!
- Contact us taskexchange@cochrane.org
- Follow us @task_exchange