

COMET Newsletter



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Choosing Important Health Outcomes for Comparative Effectiveness Research: A Systematic Review

This study provides the first complete assessment of COS that have been developed to standardise the outcomes being measured and reported in health research. We identified 198 studies, in a range of health areas. Studies covered various areas of health, most commonly cancer, rheumatology, neurology, heart and circulation, and dentistry and oral health. A variety of methods have been used to develop COS. This systematic review identified many health areas where a COS has been developed, but also highlights important gaps. It is a further step towards a comprehensive, up-to-date database of COS. In addition, it shows the need for methodological guidance, including how to engage key stakeholder groups, particularly members of the public. The review is available free from:

www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0099111

The studies identified in this review have been included in the COMET database, which also includes planned and on-going COS development studies.

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Submit an abstract for COMET IV

The deadline for submitting an abstract for COMET IV is **15th August 2014**.

Find out more and submit an abstract at:

www.comet-initiative.org/meeting/abstractsubmission

'COMET – Involving People' meeting

In March of this year COMET hosted a meeting in London: 'COMET – Involving People'. This was a collaborative meeting between UK public involvement organisations, core outcome set developers and the COMET Initiative. The purpose of the meeting was for COMET to develop plans to facilitate, support and drive public involvement in the development of core outcome sets.



A series of presentations were delivered to provide information on public involvement in core outcome sets. Group work sessions were used to generate discussion and ideas about public involvement in core outcome sets and more specifically the role that COMET could play in this.



The workshop discussions resulted in a range of suggestions about public involvement in core outcome sets and possible ways that COMET could support this work. As a result of the 'COMET – Involving People' meeting, COMET have produced a list of recommendations for their public involvement work and have developed a [public involvement strategy and action plan](#) to take these recommendations forward. A [full report](#) from this event is available on the COMET website: <http://www.comet-initiative.org/resources/publicinvolvement>.



Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November 2014

We are pleased to announce the 4th Meeting of the COMET Initiative

The Pontificia Università Lateranense,
Rome, Italy

For more details and registration please go to
www.comet-initiative.org/meeting



COMET Management Group: Professor Doug Altman, Professor Jane Blazeby, Professor Mike Clarke, Miss Elizabeth Gargon, Professor Paula Williamson

