

Expert Clinician Register Information and Form

What is the Expert Clinician Register?

The Developing Countries Program is constantly looking for ways in which TGL's expertise could be best used to assist countries embarking on the process of writing or updating local standard treatment guidelines. We have learned that access to clinical expertise is often a gap hindering local guideline development. In many instances, a single clinician is responsible for leading the guideline writing process and, whether this is a local or overseas health professional, questions can arise which require input from people with other areas of expertise. To address this need, we are establishing an 'Expert Clinician Register' of individuals who are willing to be contacted to consider providing assistance when a request is received.

The register will not be made publicly available and contact with experts on the register will always be mediated by TGL. If an expert is included on the register, there is no obligation to provide assistance when contacted. The register will primarily be used to support countries during the guideline development or update phase, or in relation to a specific quality use of medicines question; it is not intended to be a clinical support service. Experts can request to be removed from the register at any time.

How will the Expert Clinician Register process work?

Erin Nunan, the Developing Countries Program Manager, will manage the register and assess all requests for appropriateness.

If a health professional in a developing country needs assistance, they will contact Erin with details of the request. Depending on the nature and commitment involved in the request, Erin will contact a relevant expert clinician on the register to ask if they are able to assist. If the expert clinician can provide assistance, contact between the clinician and the health professional in the developing country will be facilitated by Erin; we envisage that the majority of requests will involve responding to specific clinical questions via email.

The attached form allows those wishing to be involved to submit their details and indicate to what extent they would be able to help. The options range from being willing to answer a single question, to reviewing a chapter or a guideline, or writing or updating a full guideline.

Unfortunately developing countries would seldom be able to pay for advice given in this format so participation in the Expert Clinician Register is on a voluntary basis. If more extensive support requiring travel is requested, TGL will liaise with the developing country to explore funding options.

How do I join the Expert Clinician Register?

If you would like to participate in the Expert Clinician Register, please complete the form below and return it to Erin at enunan@tg.org.au. If at any stage you wish to be removed from the register, please email Erin.

Feel free to forward this information to other colleagues who may be interested in participating.

Expert Clinician Register Form

Name (including title)	
Email address	
Phone number	
Suburb / state / country	
Profession	
Clinical area(s) in which you would be able to assist	
Please indicate the level(s) of support you would be willing to provide [NB1]	Answer individual questions <input type="checkbox"/> Review a chapter/part of a guideline <input type="checkbox"/> Review a full guideline <input type="checkbox"/> Write or update a chapter/part of a guideline <input type="checkbox"/> Write or update a full guideline <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
If it is required as part of the request for assistance, would you be willing to travel to the country?	
Please list developing countries you have previously worked in or with (if any)	
Other information you would like noted	
<p>NB1: The following is a brief explanation of the levels of support that may be provided:</p> <p>Answer individual questions: The expert would be contacted for advice on a specific clinical question during a guideline development or update process, or in relation to a quality use of medicines project.</p> <p>Review a chapter/part of a guideline that has been written by someone else: As a country develops a new guideline or updates an existing guideline, the expert would be contacted to review draft sections for appropriateness of recommended therapy, clarity etc.</p> <p>Review a full guideline that has been written by someone else: As a country develops a new guideline or updates an existing guideline, the expert would be contacted to review a draft version for appropriateness of recommended therapy, clarity etc.</p> <p>Write a chapter/part of a guideline: If a country were to embark on writing a new guideline or updating an existing guideline, the expert would be contacted to write an initial draft of a section of the guideline. TGL guidelines could be used as templates.</p> <p>Write a full guideline: If a country were to embark on writing a new guideline or updating an existing guideline, the expert would be contacted to write an initial draft of the guideline. TGL guidelines could be used as templates.</p> <p>Other: Please indicate if there is any other area you would be able to assist in.</p>	