The EQUATOR Network

Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency of health Research

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The EQUATOR Network workshop
10 October 2012, Freiburg, Germany
The EQUATOR Network seeks to improve the reliability and value of health research literature by promoting the transparent and accurate reporting of research studies.
EQUATOR

- Builds on and advances the work of CONSORT and other guidelines groups
  - Programme focus is more on RG implementation (rather than their development) to support better publication of research

- Officially launched in June 2008 in London

- It is an international initiative
  - Research collaboration, publication, dissemination go across borders
EQUATOR focus

How we support improvement in research reporting and implementation of reporting guidelines?

- Promotion of rigorous research reporting / highlighting problems resulting from inadequate reporting
- Provision of resources
- Education and training
- Research, evaluation, development
- Collaboration, global expansion
EQUATOR people

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What are our main achievements?
Welcome to the EQUATOR Network website – the resource centre for good reporting of health research studies

Too often, good research evidence is undermined by poor quality reporting.

The EQUATOR Network is an international initiative that seeks to improve reliability and value of medical research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting of research studies.

Highlights

Date for your diary
EQUATOR Symposium 2012
ACT now: Accuracy, Completeness, and Transparency in health research reporting. 11–12 October 2012, Freiburg, Germany. Visit the webpage.

Guidelines Catalogue
Complete list of identified reporting guidelines available to print.

EQUATOR Newsletter
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The National Institute for Health Research  MRC  CIHR  Pan American Health Organization  CHIEF SCIENTIST OFFICE  RSC All  RSC
All in one place!

Library for health research reporting
The EQUATOR Network library currently contains:

- An introduction to reporting guidelines
- Comprehensive lists of the available reporting guidelines, listed by study type:
  - Experimental studies
  - Observational studies
  - Diagnostic accuracy studies
  - Biospecimen reporting
  - Reliability and agreement studies
  - Systematic reviews
  - Qualitative research
  - Mixed methods studies
  - Economic evaluations
  - Quality improvement studies
  - Other reporting guidelines
  - Reporting data
  - Statistical methods and analyses
  - Sections of research reports
  - Specific conditions or procedures.
- Reporting guidelines under development
- Reporting guidelines in other research fields
- Guidance on scientific writing
- Guidance developed by editorial groups
- Research funders’ guidance on reporting requirements
- Industry sponsored research – additional guidance
- Research ethics, publication ethics and good practice guidelines
- Development and maintenance of reporting guidelines
- Editorials introducing reporting guidelines
- Guidelines for peer reviewers
- Case studies: How journals implement reporting guidelines
- Examples of good research reporting

Quick links to reporting guidelines:

- CONSORT checklist and flow diagram
- CONSORT extensions
- TRED checklist
- STARD checklist & flow diagram
- STROBE checklists
- PRISMA checklist and flow diagram
- COREQ checklist
- SQUIRE checklist
- REMARK checklist

Download:
- Catalogue of reporting guidelines (full list)

All collated resources are available in our Library

Some of the resources are grouped according to relevance to our main user groups
Visitors from most countries in the world

898,569 visits came from 211 countries/territories
• **Uniform Requirements for Biomedical Manuscripts**
  The most fundamental guidelines developed by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors that are followed by most biomedical journals

• Journals’ instructions to authors
  – Growing number of editorials introducing RG into journals

• Guidelines of research funders, professional organisations, initiatives, etc.
  Examples include: GMC, HTA (more on EQUATOR web)
Workshops on reporting

How we give you the best chance of getting your paper published and cited

Published on 09/19/12

The next BJOG author workshop will be part of the scientific programme at the XX FIGO 2012 World Congress.

When: Thursday 11 October 2012, 15:30-17:00
Where: XX FIGO 2012 World Congress, Hall 10, Domizia/Euphemia (D+E)

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Thursday 11th October
Room Domizia/Euphemia (D+E) Hall 10
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Signed collaboration agreement with PAHO to raise standards of research reporting in South America and Caribbean

We are looking for collaborators to establish local centres of activities supporting better reporting of research studies

EQUATOR Spanish website – launched July 2010

Bienvenido al sitio web de EQUATOR Network, el centro de recursos para la presentación correcta de informes sobre estudios de investigación sanitaria

Es muy frecuente que los datos de una investigación vallen su utilidad por la baja calidad de los informes.

EQUATOR Network es una iniciativa internacional cuyo objetivo es mejorar la confiabilidad y el valor de la información de investigación médica por medio de la promoción de prácticas claras y precisas para la presentación de informes sobre estudios de investigación.

Revisando las recomendaciones STROBE
El grupo STROBE se reunió en Berna para discutir la revisión de las recomendaciones para el reporte de estudios observacionales.

Lea la historia completa

Puntos principales
Promueva la correcta presentación de informes

Imprimir pantalla y folletos EQUATOR

Boletín informativo de EQUATOR (en inglés)

Nuevas directrices para la presentación de informes, eventos y otras noticias. Suscríbase ahora.

www.espanol.equator-network.org
Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the May 2011 issue of the EQUATOR Newsletter.

The newsletter includes important information about new reporting guidelines added to our library and other latest news and developments. Our Newsletter is posted on the EQUATOR website and you are most welcome to share it with your colleagues.

EQUATOR Network Team

Our Newsletter is also available in Spanish.

In this month's Newsletter

- New reporting guidelines added to our Library
- 2011 EQUATOR Seminar and Annual Lecture
- Other new resources
- CONSORT 2010 and PRISMA now in Spanish
- European "Forward Look" report published
- COPE published a discussion paper on plagiarism
- International register for systematic reviews
- Experiences of using reporting guidelines
- New events for your diary
- Data sharing - a way to prevent fraud and selective reporting
- EQUATOR web

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Boletín informativo
Mayo de 2011

Estimados colegas:

Bienvenidos al número de mayo de 2011 del boletín informativo de EQUATOR.

En este boletín se incluye información importante sobre las nuevas guías para la escritura y publicación de trabajos científicos, que se han incorporado a nuestra biblioteca, además de otras noticias y acontecimientos recientes. Nuestro boletín informativo se publica en el sitio web de EQUATOR; los invitamos a que lo compartan con sus colegas.

Equipo de EQUATOR Network

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Incorporación en nuestra biblioteca de nuevas guías para la escritura y publicación de trabajos científicos

La biblioteca de EQUATOR Network, actualizada al 18 de mayo de 2011, ahora contiene enlaces a 156 guías para la escritura y publicación de trabajos científicos (113 son guías genéricas o apenas especializadas, centrándose en la escritura y publicación de los manuscritos diseños de estudios, aspectos metodológicos, resultados y conclusiones).
Examples of courses, workshops, and lectures

- Targeting authors (scientists and research students), editors, peer reviewers, research support staff (statisticians, ..)

  - Organising your research for publication
  - Key guidelines for reporting health research studies
  - Getting your trial published: CONSORT 2010 and other reporting guidelines

- **Annual Lectures:**
  3\textsuperscript{rd} Annual Lecture – October 2011, Bristol UK – patients’ focus
  4\textsuperscript{th} Annual Lecture – TOMORROW!!!

- Many talks and presentations, published commentaries, research papers, etc.
Next steps – key plans for 2012/14

- Maintaining and further developing our online resources
- Development of a focused education and training programme!
- Development of the EQUATOR tool (RG assessment)
- ... many other plans
- Friday afternoon – closed strategy group meeting to advice on further programme development
  - Key questions:
    - Identify priorities
    - Sustainable funding
EQUATOR website re-design

User testing

New website pages, including the Library for Health Research Reporting and database of reporting guidelines

Displayed on laptop in the poster area

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Comments
Suggestions
Impressions

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