

Implementation support program: assessment and selection strategy

Implementing evidence-based recommendations is a complex task, requiring multiple skills and knowledge. The goal of the Implementation Support Program is to provide support to implementers who are working within a context that has long-term goals to facilitate implementation of evidence-based practice in primary care.

The implementation support program will start with a “tailor-made” training, aimed to improve knowledge and skills concerning implementation and will be followed by the development of a fully developed implementation plan as well as the operationalization of the implementation.

With the aim of developing new implementation skills within primary care, we want to ensure that success is not limited to the most experienced implementers and therefore we aim to reach applicants with various levels of needs.

Suitability with these aims will be evaluated using **selection criteria I to IV**, with the limitation that only 4 projects will be selected in 2023.

Selection criteria – description and rating

Selection criterion I: Important evidence-practice gap

- a. The proposed project addresses an important evidence-practice gap: this is a condition for which ‘best practices’ exist (e.g., recommendations from clinical practice guidelines), but these recommendations are insufficiently applied in practice.

Does this project address a condition for which best practices recommendations exist and for which there is a significant evidence-practice gap?

Score: 0 (Not at all) – 4 (Most definitely)

Brief justification for score:

- b. Current practice leads to poor outcomes in terms of population health, perceived quality of care (patient perspective), increased cost or reduced value, reduced practitioner wellbeing, or health inequities; therefore, reducing the evidence-practice gap can lead to an improvement on these outcomes.

Does this project address a condition where the evidence-practice gap is leading to poor outcomes?

Score: 0 (Not at all) – 4 (Most definitely)

Brief justification for score:

Selection criterion II: potential for success

The potential for success will be based on the financial and practical feasibility of the project, the barriers and solutions described by the applicant and the experience of ebpracticenet with previous implementation projects.

What is the potential of success of this project taking into account the budget and timelines of the implementation support program?

Score: 0 (Not at all) – 4 (Most definitely)

Brief justification for score:

Selection criterion III: Sustainability of the role of the applicant as implementer

The project will be carried out by an implementer who works in a context that has longer-term goals to support the implementation of evidence-based practice in primary care.

Will the training enable the applicant (organization or participating individuals) to become a sustainable provider of support for the implementation of recommendation in his/her field in primary care?

Score: 0 (Not at all) – 4 (Most definitely)

Brief justification for score:

Selection criterion IV: Extent of training required by the applicant

What is the extent of training needed by the applicant?

Score: 0 (Very Limited) – 1 (limited) – 2 (Moderate) – 3 (Strong) – 4 (Very Strong)

Brief justification for score:

A maximum of 4 projects will be selected with the additional limitation that

- maximum half of the applicants will have strong to very strong training needs (score of 3 or 4 on **selection criterion IV**), and
- maximum half of the applicants will have limited or very limited training needs (score of 0 or 1 on **selection criterion IV**).

In case of equal rating, a random selection will be applied.

Conflict of interest statement for the project assessed