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Clearinghouse Opportunities

1. The **American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)** is looking for 2 patients/consumers to participate in a clinical practice guideline panel for **Upper Eyelid Blepharoplasty for Field Vision Loss**. The guideline will relate to **practice variation, gaps in care, patient satisfaction, and coordination of care**. The ASPS is planning to develop this guideline on the **15th of September 2017** but preference will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis.
2. The **MAGIC** group is working with **BMJ RapidRecs** to find patient partners for a RapidRecs Clinical Guideline. The guideline question is: **In patients with skin abscesses (especially small ones ~2cm) who are treated with incision and drainage, do antibiotics improve outcomes relative to no antibiotics?** This project is under the **WikiRecs initiative**, where the mandate is to translate potentially practice changing evidence into trustworthy, international guidelines

in a short time frame.

3. The **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics** is currently seeking a patient advocate to participate on a volunteer expert work-group that will be **conducting a systematic review on dietary cholesterol and saturated fat intake**. No in-person participation is required. The first meeting will be held on the first of October; however, preference is given on a first-come, first-serve basis.
4. The **MAGIC Project** is seeking patients to participate in a **Colorectal Cancer Screening** guideline. The ideal patient partner would be someone eligible for colorectal screening: asymptomatic (e.g. no reason to consider colorectal cancer, such as bleeding), aged approximately 50-75, experience of colonoscopy/flexible sigmoidoscopy, or those with a family history of colorectal cancer.
5. The **American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)** is looking for 1-2 patients/consumers to participate in a **measures development project for rhinoplasty**. Patients who have had this procedure performed (or similar facial reconstructive procedures) would be ideal, as would patients having knowledge of performance measures, or evidence-based medicine principles. The ASPS is planning to develop these measures on an aggressive timeline and therefore preference is given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If interested, please contact Kolade Fapohunda (kfapohu1@jhu.edu) or Genie Han (ghan14@jhu.edu) as soon as possible. The application form is attached [here](#).

Featured CUE Members



Laura A. Logie, PhD, Director of Research at Nueva Vida

Laura A. Logie, PhD is currently the Director of Research at Nueva Vida, a community-based organization that informs, supports and advocates for Latinos whose lives are affected by cancer utilizing the best current evidence that is both culturally and linguistically applicable to an under-resourced community's values. Prior to her position at Nueva Vida she served as the Assistant Director for the Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity and Affiliate Faculty in the Department of Women's

Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Her work has focused on the efforts to eliminate social inequalities that drive persistent disparities in health by gender, race, ethnicity, immigration status and socioeconomic position. Most recently, Dr. Logie participated in Consumers United for Evidenced-Based Healthcare (CUE) 2017 Summit: *Leveraging the Power of Patient & Consumer Advocacy to Transform Healthcare* where she presented Nueva Vida's evidence-based healthcare practices on engaging hard-to-reach patient/consumer stakeholders in research implementation practices.

By employing EBHC into Nueva Vida's programs and advocacy actions, Dr. Logie focuses on what we can do as researchers and guideline developers in becoming knowledgeable about the various ways oppression and social inequities can be manifested at the individual, cultural, and societal levels, along with the ways such inequities might be experienced by racial/ethnic consumers/patients as a key measure of social justice. We thank Nueva Vida for their contributions to the mobilization of communities through the application of EBHC.



Leslie Hsu Oh, Founder of Hepatitis B Initiative

Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (HBI-DC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was originally founded by Leslie Hsu Oh while she was attending Harvard School of Public Health in 1997. Leslie Hsu Oh lost her mom and brother 1 year apart from each other because of hepatitis B. When she moved to the Washington, DC area, she and her husband expanded HBI's efforts to the larger Mid-Atlantic.

HBI-DC received its 501(c)3 status in 2006. HBI-DC's mission is to mobilize communities to prevent liver diseases caused by viral hepatitis among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, African immigrants, and other high risk groups. Through collaborative partnerships, our organization provides culturally and linguistically appropriate viral hepatitis outreach, education, screening, Hepatitis B vaccination,

linkage to care, and patient navigation services for impacted communities. We thank Hepatitis B Initiative for their contributions to the mobilization of communities through the application of EBHC.

If you or someone in your organization has participated in CUE's Clearinghouse or research implementation projects as a consumer representative, please contact Kolade Fapohunda (kfapohu1@jhu.edu) or Genie Han (ghan14@jhu.edu) to share your accomplishments.

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RECENT ACTIVITY

 **Genie Han** shared a link.
Yesterday at 3:10pm

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8.22.17 (Reuters Health)

"Flimsy evidence behind many FDA approvals". Dr. Robert Califf, former FDA commissioner and keynote speaker at CUE's 2016 Annual General Meeting, is quoted..."

Posted by: Genie Han, Consumers United for Evidence-based Healthcare

[Gauging the real risks and benefits of a medical procedure](#)

8.17.17 (The Baltimore Sun)

"The Institute of Medicine estimates that we squandered \$750 billion in unnecessary medical spending in 2009, and recent estimates put that number closer to..."

Posted by: Genie Han, Consumers United for Evidence-based Healthcare

[How Can You Take Part in Clinical Research? Looking Beyond "First in Human"](#)

8.11.17 (National Institutes of Health)

"For a remarkable journey through the front lines of clinical research, I'd like to invite you to join me in viewing *First in Human*, which premieres tonight at 9 p.m. ET on the Discovery Channel. This three-part docuseries, to be aired August 10, 17, and 24, provides..."

Posted by: Reva Datar, World Bank

[Drug makers deserve to be publicly shamed for thwarting competition from generics](#)

8.8.17 (STAT)

"When David Mitchell learned he had an incurable blood cancer seven years ago, the out-of-pocket cost for a month's supply for one of his medicines was \$42. By 2016, it had jumped to \$250."

Posted by: Kay Dickersin, Cochrane United States

[University of Iowa ignores questions about its oregano 'cure' for cancer-wasting syndrome](#)

8.7.17 (Healthnewsreview)

"That's out of step with academic norms. To avoid prematurely communicating flawed research and possibly misinforming the public, most reputable universities refrain from promoting research that hasn't withstood scrutiny from the..."

Posted by: Gary Schwitzer, HealthNewsReview.org

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Learn to assess data from clinical trials
by performing systematic reviews and
meta-analyses.

Tianjing Li, MHS, MD, PhD
Professor, Johns Hopkins University

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Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Featured Resource

Coursera: Introduction to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

About this course: We will introduce methods to perform systematic reviews and meta-analysis of clinical trials. We will cover how to formulate an answerable research question, define inclusion and exclusion criteria, search for the evidence, extract data, assess the risk of bias in clinical trials, and perform a meta-analysis. Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the steps in conducting a systematic review
- Develop an answerable question using the “Participants Interventions Comparisons Outcomes” (PICO) framework
- Describe the process used to collect and extract data from reports of clinical trials
- Describe methods to critically assess the risk of bias of clinical trials
- Describe and interpret the results of meta-analyses

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