

PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN EU RESEARCH AND POLICY

Moderated discussion

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“ A STRONG PATIENTS’ VOICE TO
DRIVE BETTER HEALTH IN EUROPE ”

A changing landscape



Why patient involvement?

A right!



“The people have the right and duty to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of their healthcare.”

Alma Ata Declaration – Principle IV (1978, WHO)

A common operating principle of EU health systems

“All EU health systems ... aim to involve patients in their treatment, to be transparent with them, and to offer them choices where this is possible... to offer individuals information about their health status, and the right to be fully informed about the treatment being offered to them, and to consent to such treatment. All systems should also be publicly accountable and ensure good governance and transparency.”

Council Conclusions on common values and principles in European Union Health Systems, 2006

Brings benefits



Why Patient Involvement in research?

Advances in medicine only possible with the voluntary participation of patients

Legitimacy, transparency and accountability: patients have a MORAL RIGHT to be involved



Involvement also leads to better quality research results

Produce results that can be used to effectively improve practice

A new vision!



Vision: patients as “co-producers” of well-being and integral actors in the health system

A photograph of a person in a green t-shirt holding a white sign with the word "NO" written on it in black capital letters.

NO

What promoting Patient involvement is not about:

- Increasing consumerization;
- Shifting responsibility inappropriately;
- Blaming patients for being ill

1. What are the barriers to patient involvement in policy & research?
2. How can we remove these? What are the enablers of patient involvement?



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