



Involving Children and Parents in Core Outcome Set Development:

Experience from the MOMENT study

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Why involve members of the public in research?

No matter how complicated the research, or how brilliant the researcher, patients and the public always offer unique, invaluable insights. Their advice when designing, implementing and evaluating research invariably makes studies more effective, more credible and often more cost efficient as well.

Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer.

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Why involve members of the public in research?

Ensure your research effort is patient focused

Maximise the opportunity to effect change in patient care

Benefit from the perspective of people directly effected by the condition



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Parent of patient with Cleft Palate

Patient organisation interview (Introduction to CLAPA)

Patient organisation interview (Introduction to CLAPA): What can we learn?

- Benefit from access to pre-existing regional structures to ‘reach out’ to patients and parents throughout your country
- Cooperate with appropriate focus / special interest groups within patient organisations

What made you want
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What made you want to get involved?: What can we learn?

- To ensure the ‘patient’s voice is heard’
- Ensure study benefited from input of those with ‘lived experience’ of the condition
- Ensure outcomes of most importance to patients are considered
- Opportunity to facilitate direct involvement of patient group membership

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Engaging with parents about a COS study: What can we learn?

- Use existing and trusted channels of communication
- Patients are busy too!
- Work with patients at the planning stage to make involvement as easy as possible
- PPI is not an ‘add-on’
- Ensure sufficient resources are available to support patient involvement
- Explain to patients why they should contribute to the COS

What did you think were the key challenges to involving patients / carers / parents in the study?

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- Practical aspects of arranging ‘face to face’ meetings and the potential benefits of designing ‘on-line’ studies
- Ensure comprehensive involvement from all sections of a patient group and society, including ‘hard to reach’ groups
- Avoid selection bias by promoting involvement to the entire membership of an organisation
- Support patients to become involved by providing relevant education regarding research methodology and COS

What might discourage
patients from getting
involved?

What might discourage patients from getting involved?: What can we learn?

- Researchers need to explain why the opinions of patients are important
- Patient opinion is valuable whatever it is and even when it is different from other stakeholder opinion

How did you tell your
members about the
COS study?

How did you tell your members about the COS study?: What can we learn?

- Work with the patient organisation and utilise existing communication channels and strategies
- Present the study to relevant councils/subgroups and ask for advice about how best to engage with its members
- Try to create outreach opportunities at existing conferences

What did you think about
the questionnaire used
for the Delphi exercise?

The logo for mOMEnt features the word in a stylized, blue, lowercase font. The letters 'O', 'M', and 'E' are significantly larger than the others, and the 'M' and 'E' have a white outline. The letters are set against a background of horizontal blue bars of varying heights.

Management of Otitis Media with Effusion
in childreN with ClefT Palate



What did you think about the questionnaire used for the Delphi exercise?: What can we learn?

- Patients need to be able to easily understand the language used
- Ask for advice from patients about the language and methodology used





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The list of outcomes used for Health Professionals was reviewed and re-worded using a lay description that was tested for readability using the NIACE SMOG calculator

Also checked for understanding by the CLAPA children and young person's council and the local CLAPA 'Happy Faces' group

Some outcomes which related to specific clinical observations were combined so that parents and children scored a total of 36 outcomes representing the 45 outcomes identified from the SR

Parents asked to score each of the outcomes listed using the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluations (GRADE) scale of 1-9

In the online survey the scale was presented in the format 1-9 with 1-3 labelled as "Not that important", 4-6 labelled as "Important" and 7- 9 labelled as "really important"

Also provided with an option to add anything else that they considered relevant in a free text box



How to use the SMOG Calculator

Text supplied:- The COMET (Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials) Initiative brings together people interested in the development and application of agreed standardised sets of outcomes, known as 'core outcome sets'.

The SMOG index: 23.2

Total words: 29

Total number of polysyllabic words: 7

Total number of sentences: 1

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calculate SMOG - clear text

How to use the SMOG calculator

You can use this calculator to check the readability level of your own documents or texts from a website. It uses a version of the SMOG formula, which gives a score as a "readability level" rather than the American school grade level. To obtain the most accurate score on longer documents use a sample of at least 100 words from three different places in your document.

Children aged 7-16 years were shown the same list of outcomes as parents

Scoring system adapted to use a traffic light system where the scores 1-3 were represented by a **red** box labelled as “not that important”, scores 4-6 as an **amber** box labelled as “important” and scores 7-9 as a **green** box labelled “really important”

Children and Young People Council



Think about when you have had glue ear and how you might decide if your treatment for glue ear has worked. We would like you to look at the list below and tell us how important each thing on this list is in deciding if treatment has worked.

You can ask a grown up to help you if you get stuck.

	Importance			Don't Know
	Not that important	Important	Really important	
Things about behaviour				
How lonely you feel, feeling like an outsider	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How angry you are towards others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Things about having glue ear or ear infections for a long time				
Not having problems inside your ear caused by having glue ear for a long time (more than 3 months)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not having problems inside your ear caused by bad skin growing behind your ear drum.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not having problems inside your ear caused by having glue ear for a long time (more than 3 months)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not having problems inside your ear caused by having a hole in your ear drum for a long time (more than 3 months)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Things about school and making friends				
How well you are doing at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How well you are learning to make friends and speak to new people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Things about how your ear feels and works				

What did you think about
the Consensus meeting?

What did you think about the Consensus meeting?: What can we learn?

- Emphasise the importance of patient involvement at the start
- Ensure that all views are given equal value
- Prior to the meeting, provide detailed proprietary material to support involvement and refresh understanding

What advice would
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- Emphasise to patients the importance of their involvement
- Explain the real benefits to the study of patient involvement
- Make the language accessible to patients
- Involve patients in the early planning and design phases

What advice would you give about working with a patient organisation to develop a COS?

**What advice would you give about working with a patient organisation to develop a COS?:
What can we learn?**

- Seek advice about how best to engage with individuals within the patient organisation
- Gain support from entire organisation and relevant subgroups/special interest groups
- ‘Sell the benefit’
- Describe the experience of taking part, along with opinions of the impact of existing COS

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- Involve people with ‘lived experience’
- Emphasise the importance and value of patient involvement
- Seek patient involvement early in the process
- Use existing communication channels and communication networks where available
- Ensure the language used is accessible
- Ensure patient involvement is properly resourced
- Provide the necessary patient education to support involvement and understanding of COS

