COMET in Canada

What can you do?

Funders of core outcome sets

Funders of research

Experience in the UK and Ireland

- NIHR (HTA, RfPB, PGfAR), ARUK, AMRC, HRB Ireland

“Where established Core Outcomes exist they should be included amongst the list of outcomes unless there is good reason to do otherwise. Please see The COMET Initiative website at www.comet-initiative.org to identify whether Core Outcomes have been established.”

National Institute for Health Research, Programme Grants for Applied Research: Multimorbidities in older people (February 2015)

Patient and public engagement

COMET PoPPIE Working Group

- People and Public Participation, Involvement and Engagement (PoPPIE)
- Heather Bagley, COMET PPI Coordinator
- Membership

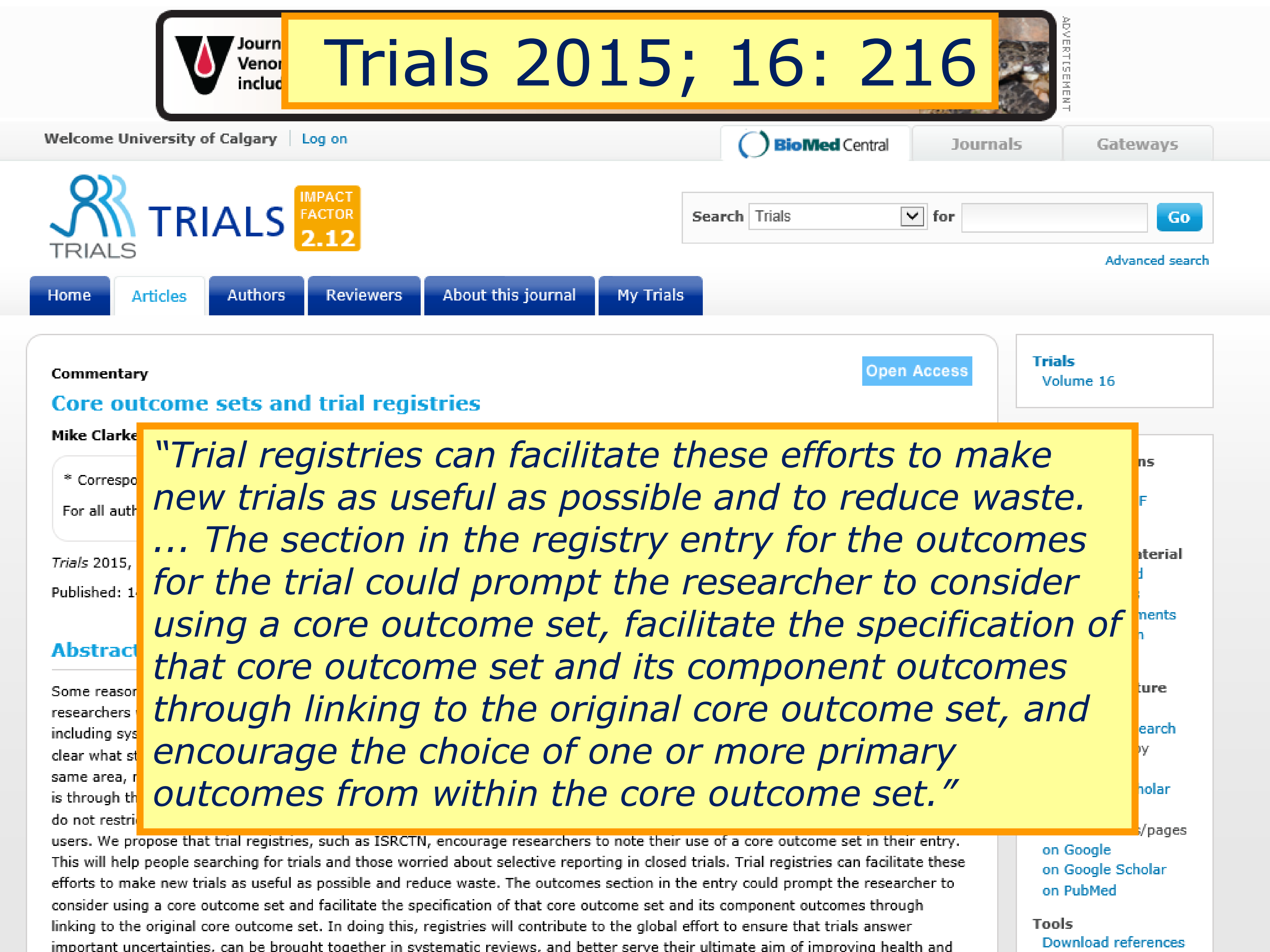
- COMET website presence
- Plain language resources
- EUPATI webinar
- Videos – parent, patient organisation

Regulators

Journals

Trial registries

Trials 2015; 16: 216



Commentary

Core outcome sets and trial registries

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Abstract

users. We propose that trial registries, such as ISRCTN, encourage researchers to note their use of a core outcome set in their entry. This will help people searching for trials and those worried about selective reporting in closed trials. Trial registries can facilitate these efforts to make new trials as useful as possible and reduce waste. The outcomes section in the entry could prompt the researcher to consider using a core outcome set and facilitate the specification of that core outcome set and its component outcomes through linking to the original core outcome set. In doing this, registries will contribute to the global effort to ensure that trials answer important uncertainties, can be brought together in systematic reviews, and better serve their ultimate aim of improving health and

> *“Trial registries can facilitate these efforts to make new trials as useful as possible and to reduce waste. ... The section in the registry entry for the outcomes for the trial could prompt the researcher to consider using a core outcome set, facilitate the specification of that core outcome set and its component outcomes through linking to the original core outcome set, and encourage the choice of one or more primary outcomes from within the core outcome set.”*

Users of core outcome sets

COMET website

From August 2011 to 19 May 2015

- 48,426 visits

- UK: 27,489 (56.8%)
- Canada: 2267 (4.7%)

Developers of core outcome sets

COMET database

- 14 studies had a corresponding author who was based in Canada
- 38 studies had a corresponding author who was based in the UK
- 52 studies included one or more authors who were based in Canada
- 106 studies included one or more authors who were based in the UK
- 79 studies involved Canadian participants
- 113 studies involved UK participants

Cochrane authors

All Cochrane Review Groups

- 2166/29,015 (7.2%) are based in Canada
- 7511/29,015 (25.9%) are based in the UK
- 418/29,015 (1.4%) are based in Ireland

Five Cochrane Review Groups based in Canada

- 548/3453 (15.9%) are based in Canada
- 535/3453 (15.5%) are based in the UK
- 63/3453 (1.5%) are based in Ireland

Focal points

What can you do?

- Funders of core outcome sets
- Funders of research
- Patient and public engagement
- Regulators
- Journals
- Registries
- Users of core outcome sets
- Developers of core outcome sets
- Focal points