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Workshop 1.1 Overview

Finding, critically appraising, and using a core outcome set (COS) for your trial

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A core outcome set (COS) is an agreed standardised set of outcomes that should be measured and reported, as a minimum, in all clinical trials in a specific condition. This allows research to be compared and combined as appropriate, and ensures that all studies provide usable information. Many organisations now actively endorse the use of COS, including health research funders who now refer applicants to check the COMET database for the existence of a COS. The use of a high-quality COS in clinical trials should ensure that outcomes important to patients, trialists and health care professionals are considered.

The goals for the workshop are: to describe the rationale for using COS in trials, and demonstrate how the COMET database helps to facilitate this; to describe issues to consider when deciding whether a COS is applicable to a specific trial, and whether a COS has been developed using reasonable methods.

The workshop will comprise presentations, discussion, group work and individual activities.

The target audience is: trialists, researchers, patients, clinicians, academia, students, HTA agencies, policy makers, review authors, review editors, consumers, statisticians, methodologists.