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Dear PCC NET members and interested individuals,

Shared decision-making is gaining even more attention as an important field of research (see below). Also, recently Dr. Timmerman presented a new shared decision-making training concept for primary care. Have you missed it? Please read below what you can do about it.

Kind regards,
Nadine (on behalf of the PCC NET core team)

New section on shared decision-making in a BMJ Journal

The BMJ Journal *Evidence-Based Medicine* has included a new section on shared decision-making. The aim of shared decision-making is that the clinician and the patient make health decisions together, so the decision is based on both evidence-based medicine (provided by the clinician) and the patient's unique preferences and situation (provided by the patient).

In this new section you will find many articles on shared decision-making, including original research (for example on the effectiveness of interventions to increase shared decision-making), as well as opinion papers (for example about the potential value of shared decision-making to clinical care).

You can find more information and first articles here: <https://ebm.bmj.com/pages/shared-decision-making-and-evidence-based-medicine>

New educational concept for shared decision-making in primary care training

Recently, Dr. Angelique Timmerman from the Maastricht University gave a presentation as part of our PCC NET seminar series. Dr. Timmerman is a psychotherapist and assistant professor at the department of Family Medicine. Her research currently focuses on training and assessment of doctor patient communication as well as aspects of learning. Her presentation in a few words: *"Training health care professionals in shared decision-making is considered as conditional for prolonged engagement with shared decision-making in their clinical encounters. In an Educational Design Research (EDR) study, we developed a shared decision-making curriculum for general practitioners' clinical workplace learning and evaluated learning outcomes."*

More information on this and other projects can be found here:

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/research/care-and-public-health-research-institute>

We were thrilled that very many people participated in this seminar ($N=100$). Unfortunately, due to technical problems, not everyone could join the event. We would sincerely like to apologize for this inconvenience. However, if you were not able to join, please email us. We are planning to share the recorded presentation with anyone who was not able to join.



Recent publications

Implementing shared decision-making in breast cancer care

Chile is committed to actively involving patients in their healthcare. But how can patients be involved into their clinical encounters? This mixed-methods study will identify the factors that affect the active involvement of patients in the breast cancer treatment decision-making process, considering both health professionals and women facing the disease.

Please find the study protocol here:

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/bmjopen/13/7/e074111.full.pdf>

Conceptualization of patient-centered care in Latin America

Patient-centered care is a desirable goal for health care in Latin American countries, but a coherent definition of what patient-centered care includes in clinical practice is missing. The aim of this article is to identify how patient-centered care is conceptualized in Latin American countries. The article can be found here: <https://doi.org/10.1111/hex.13797>

Short notes

Save the date!

Dr. Natalie Joseph-Williams from the Cardiff University is an international re-known expert in shared decision-making research. Her research has informed national training programs, NHS healthcare policy, and international guidelines. Dr. Joseph-Williams will give insights into the implementation of shared decision-making in routine practice in our upcoming online seminar.

When? **28 September at 16:00-17:30 (Germany), 11am-12:30pm (Chile)**
Simultaneous translation to Spanish will be provided.

Newsletter

If you want to share anything of your work with the PCC Net members, you are very much welcome to put this information into a future newsletter. We are very much looking forward to your input!

If you like to participate in our online events, please email info@pcc-network.org. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next event!

Kind regards,

Dr. Nadine Lages, Prof. Dr. Paulina Bravo, Ivo Engert, Prof. Dr. Dr. Martin Härter, Constanza Quezada, Prof. Dr. Isabelle Scholl