



Establishing “Knowledge Translation Leads”

KDIGO has maintained a vigorous implementation effort to provide all of its published recommendations and observations to a wide global audience. This is a resource-driven initiative and limited at times due to lack of support. The time is right now for KDIGO to formalize this process and make it a priority part of KDIGO’s on-going agenda. The program should be more sophisticated and consistent with the goal of building a comprehensive library of educational tools based on KDIGO’s work.

A greater level of activity will be aided by KDIGO’s current and more coordinated outreach to potential sponsors, and by the growing number of sponsors who provide long-term support for the organization, rather than to specific events. It has been pointed out by Methods Chair Cello Tonelli, and others working to enhance KDIGO’s Guideline Methodology, that Knowledge Translation (KT) must be an important element of the Guideline process. This is, of course, also true for KDIGO Controversies Conference Reports.

KDIGO’s approach can be a bit different than a standard committee. This concept calls for a designated “Knowledge Translation Lead” to sit on every Guideline Work Group and Controversies Conference. This person fully participates in the deliberations, and also has in mind follow-up educational tools and strategies specifically relevant to that topic. Throughout the process, this individual works with KDIGO staff to plan a parallel Knowledge Translation process.

The goal is to have some educational tools, such as Speaker’s Guides and Reference Tools, available at the time a Guideline or Controversies Conference Report is published, if resources allow. The KT Lead can assist with the development of Implementation Summits, Congress presentations, Speakers’ Tours, Webinars, and the full range of KDIGO implementation programs. This establishes Knowledge Translation as an integral part of KDIGO processes.