A two-day conference co-sponsored by the Guidelines International Network North America (G-I-N NA) and the Section on Evidence Based Health Care (SEBHC) of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Conference Mission

1. To provide a platform for constructive dialogue and collaboration between otherwise disparate perspectives that affect development of evidence based guidelines, their translation to clinical practice, and their value and impact on health care and patient outcomes.

2. To illuminate the perspectives, processes, values, principles, and circumstances that collectively impact health care policy and its relationship to scientific evidence and clinical practice guidelines.

3. To highlight best practices for guideline development, dissemination, and implementation for producing clear, actionable, scientifically sound, and trustworthy guidance that can improve quality of care, reduce unexplained variations, and avoid inappropriate or potentially harmful interventions.

The address this mission, the conference, co-chaired by Richard Rosenfeld (G-I-N NA) and Peter Wyer (SEBHC), is crafted around the following themes:

- From bench to trench: How evidence and guidelines shape health care policy.
- What makes a clinical practice guideline trustworthy?
- Minding the message: The senders, givers, and users of guideline information.
- Making it happen: Adapting, implementing, and tracking.

Confirmed plenary speakers include Mary Barton (NCQA), Sharon Begley (Reuters), Otis Brawley (American Cancer Society), Carolyn Clancy (AHRQ), Patrick Conway (CMS), Dave Davis (AAMC), Kay Dickersin (US Cochrane Center), David Eddy (Archimedes, Inc.), Ian Graham (CIHR), Gordon Guyatt (McMaster University and GRADE Working Group), Blackford Middleton (Partners Healthcare System), Susan Pingleton (University of Kansas), Sandy Schwartz (Wharton), Peter Bach, (Memorial Sloan Kettering), and Albert Siu (Mount Sinai).

Break-out Sessions

The conference will also feature 12 interactive breakout sessions moderated by Michael Cantor (NYU), Louis Jacques (CMS), Marguerite Koster (Kaiser Permanente), Eddy Lang (Alberta Health Services), Richard Rosenfeld (AAO-HNS), Holger Schunemann (McMaster University and GRADE Working Group), Rebecca Burkholder (National Consumers League), Amir Qaseem (ACP), Richard Shiffman (Yale Center for Medical Informatics) and others.