

Tell Us! What Questions about Accidental Injuries Does Research Need to Answer?

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

accidental injuries

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Europe - Austria; Europe - Germany; North America - USA

Why was it conducted at all?

No rationale provided.

What was the objective?

to identify open research questions in the field of accidental injuries by involving patients and other experts

What was the outcome?

a list of 3 research areas

How long did the research prioritization take?

March 2017 - November 2018

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

interview; survey; workshop

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: setting up project: establishing advisory group, community building, recruiting partner organizations, stakeholder mapping, expert interviews: to find out which questions are understandable for the respective target groups and which communication channels should be used to reach them in the best possible way. Step 2: survey 1: collecting research questions: participants invited to submit their questions for research via online platform, 826 questions submitted. Step 3: data processing: cleaning, thematic analysis, resulting in 563 research questions and 14 research areas. Step 4: community voting: participants were asked to vote, resulting in top three high-priority research areas. Step 5: thematic alignment with host research institution: resulting in two cross-sectional research areas touching all three priority areas aligned with host research institution. Step 6: workshop: lead user lead expert workshop: two research areas were further narrowed down, key aspects were prioritized in a consensus building process, resulting in the foundation of one research group

Which stakeholders took part?

Patients, family members, nurses, doctors and therapists, researchers. Interview: 9 participants (4 from the medical sector, 4 therapeutic background, 1 in nursing). Survey 1: 80% patients, 20% experts (nurses (31%), doctors (18%), physiotherapists (14%) and occupational therapists (11%)). Workshop: 6 participants: 3 researchers, 2 nurses, 1 person as link between research and practice.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Participants were recruited widely. Partner organizations were asked to distribute the survey link.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders not only participated but were also actively involved in the research prioritization process: They were part of an advisory board. The advisory board consisted of 17 members (clinicians, researchers and institutional representatives from various fields).