



Plain Language Summaries (PLS) of peer-reviewed publications: how-to involve the patients in the co-creation process

June 26th – 15h CET / 9am EST

Description of the workshop:

Patients can only fully engage if they are well-informed about current medical developments. Therefore, providing access to Plain Language Summaries (PLS) of peer-reviewed publications is at the core of patient participation and involvement. Also, for Health Care Practitioners (HCPs), PLS can help generate dialogue and focus communication with the patients.

Patient engagement in the development of plain language summary is often restricted to later stages (ex. review process) of PLS development. A PFMD working group (WG) has developed a practical how-to-module guidance that describes the process of Plain Language Summary creation and dissemination through a straight-forward 5-step approach to ensure early patient involvement.

- During this introductory session, the rationale of a 5-step approach of the guidance will be described and participants will get familiar with the tool and resources available.
- Three contributors of the WG representing the Patient, Industry, and the Editor stakeholders will share their perspectives on the benefits of PLS in their roles/ organisation, discuss the remaining challenges and perspective for the future on making PLS become more systematic and impactful.
- Feedback on questions will be provided during the Q&A session
- An interactive session (participants will join breakout virtual rooms) will provide the opportunity to make participants become more familiar with a PLS of publications using a real example of a PLS of a peer-reviewed publication. Participants experiences and remaining questions will be discussed