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Call for papers on the Evidence-Based Medicine Manifesto.

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A year ago we published the Evidence-Based Manifesto in response to the many problems in EBM. [1,2] We produced the manifesto because patients are continually being let down by flaws in the creation, dissemination, and implementation of research evidence.

There are a significant number of reasons why current research evidence cannot be trusted (as discussed in the manifesto), but it is increasingly clear that bad evidence feeds into bad decision making. Consequently, clinicians and patients are in an awkward position when it comes to informing decision making.

Through stakeholder engagement we, therefore, identified nine steps to improve the quality of evidence and better identify, implement and integrate evidence into practice. These steps are:

- 1) Expand the role of patients, health professionals and policy makers in research
- 2) Increase the systematic use of existing evidence
- 3) Make research evidence relevant, replicable and accessible to end users.
- 4) Reduce questionable research practices, bias, and conflicts of interests
- 5) Ensure drug and device regulation is robust, transparent and independent
- 6) Produce better usable clinical guidelines.
- 7) Support innovation, quality improvement, and safety through the better use of real-world data.
- 8) Educate professionals, policymakers and the public in evidence-based healthcare to make informed choices.
- 9) Encourage the next generation of leaders in evidence-based medicine.

Solutions to the manifesto will be debated at Evidence Live, on the 18th of June, in Oxford. We are therefore looking for submissions that discuss, debate and consider solutions to the steps we have outlined (see our [submission guidelines](#) for authors [3]) We will aim to publish these papers in time for the conference and make them freely available throughout the week. To achieve this, we need you to submit your article through [ScholarOne](#) by the 31st of May.

Fixing EBM will be a complicated project that will require practical tools and strategies to deliver real change and improve health through the generation of better quality evidence. Joining the campaign for better evidence for better health care needs a clear



set of achievable goals, determining what has and hasn't worked, setting how we might operate differently in the future. I look forward to your response.

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EvidenceLive

Better Evidence for Healthcare

Evidence Live offers a platform that encourages debate on the current status and future directions of Evidence-Based Medicine.

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