

Ensuring Value in Research International Funders' Collaboration and Development Forum Guiding Principles (www.ensuringvalueinresearch.org).

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Background

The Ensuring Value in Research Funders' development and collaboration forum is an informal group of around 30 funders, organisations that represent funders or organisations that set R&D policy.

Objectives

The purpose is to work together and with our respective research communities to share current and develop new approaches to reduce waste and increase the value of health related research.

Method

Through informal discussion this work has led to the agreement of 10 guiding principles that collectively ensure:

- justifiable research priorities
- robust research design, conduct and analysis
- regulation and management of research conduct is proportionate to risks
- all information on research methods and findings accessible and all reports are complete and usable

Results

These guiding principles are intended to guide health-related research funders as they conduct their organizational activities in order to increase the relevance, quality, transparency, integrity and value of the research they fund. This in turn will have implications for the academic community around the world.

We will present the guiding principles, examples of how funders are working towards them, and the implications for the academic community.