



Your priorities for research in the management of chronic conditions in primary care

Who should take part in this survey?

You should consider taking part in this survey if you are an adult (18+) in Ireland who is living with a chronic condition or conditions, a family member, friend, or carer of someone with a chronic condition, or a healthcare professional who works in primary care treating people with chronic conditions.

What is the purpose of this survey?

We want to know what you think researchers should be focusing on in future work so we can promote a list of the top priorities, to encourage and support researchers to start projects that will answer those questions.

What is this survey asking me?

We are asking all people affected by chronic conditions (those managing their own conditions, health professionals treating them, family and/or friends caring for a person with chronic conditions) to share with us their questions about managing chronic conditions in primary care. We specifically want to know what unanswered questions you have about the role of primary care in managing chronic conditions.

You can write as much or as little as you like. Your data will be anonymous; while we do ask you for some optional information to help us see who we are reaching, and to include your email address if you wish to be updated, this will not be linked to your response in any way. We will keep this survey open for submissions until Wednesday 12th of April.

Who are we?

The HRB Primary Care Clinical Trials Network are leading out on this project, aiming to contribute to a research agenda for primary care in Ireland. As a group that supports high quality clinical trials in primary care, we want to ensure that the research we support reflects the needs and interests of the people most affected; the patients and healthcare professionals in primary care.

We are working with the James Lind Alliance (<https://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/about-the-jameslind-alliance/>) who are leaders in this method of identifying research questions which are of direct relevance and potential benefit to patients and the clinicians who treat them. The first step in this process was to set up a diverse, committed steering group of people with lived experience of having chronic conditions, supporting loved ones with chronic conditions, and treating chronic conditions in primary care. This survey has been designed with their input.

If you have any questions or comments about this survey or the overall process, or would like to ask us any other questions, please contact our coordinator Laura O'Connor by email at laura.l.oconnor@universityofgalway.ie

How can primary care help people with chronic conditions to manage their conditions and live as well as possible?

We want to help researchers prioritise the questions and areas that mean the most to you. This is your chance to add your own questions or comments about your experience as a healthcare professional in primary care.

Your question may relate to:

- How medications, treatments, appointments and other forms of support from health professionals, carers, family and friends work in primary care for those with chronic conditions
- The health system and questions or comments about continuity of care with a named professional, the role of different types of healthcare professionals and their communications with patients and the people who care for them, communication between hospitals and the community
- Information you feel is important for people with chronic conditions, those caring for them, and primary care health professionals to know to best manage chronic conditions any other question or comment relevant to you

You may have other important questions about chronic conditions that research could answer, but that this process can't focus on. If we get a submission that is out of our scope, we will pass it on to relevant groups who can use the information in their work. Some examples of topics that are beyond our scope are:

- Questions about your specific situation and supports available to you
- Questions about specific conditions and/or treatments
- Questions about specialist care
- Questions concerning the biological causes of conditions
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1. What question(s) or comment(s) do you have about managing chronic conditions in primary care in Ireland?

Some information about you

On this final page, we want to know a little bit about you to make sure that our survey is reaching a wide audience. We aim to make sure that the responses we take forward into the next phase will be balanced across all the different types of people involved in managing chronic conditions in primary care in Ireland.

This information will only be used to help us target our survey better, and cannot be used to identify you. Some questions are mandatory but others are optional, please feel free to give as much or as little information as you are comfortable with.

Which of the following categories best describes you and your experience of chronic conditions?

- I have one or more chronic condition(s)
- I am a carer of someone with one or more chronic condition(s)
- I am a family member or friend of someone with one or more chronic condition(s)

Please describe or list the condition(s) that you manage or the person you care for manages:

How would you describe where you live?

- City
- Town
- Countryside

OR

I'm a primary care healthcare professional
Please specify (e.g. nurse, GP, physiotherapist, pharmacist etc)

How would you describe where you practice?

- Urban
- Rural
- Mixed

What gender do you identify with?

- Prefer not to say
- Woman
- Man
- Other

What age bracket are you in?

- Prefer not to say
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older

If you wish to get updates on this project and get involved in later stages, please leave your email below