

**Title:**

**Understanding Group Practices in Canada: How the evolution of primary care practices influences the development and implementation of clinical practice guidelines?**

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**Objectives:**

(1) To review results of a mixed method study of group practices in Canada conducted in 2006. (2) To conduct an interactive group discussion of the emerging trends in group practices. (3) To discuss the influence of emerging trends in group practices on guideline development, adaptation, and adoption

**Key points:**

This workshop will enable participants to have a better understanding of current challenges toward true collaborative healthcare team. This session will also inform participants how emerging trends of current group practices may influence guidelines' development, adaptation, and adoption. Suggestions for best practices in guidelines' development in this new practice reality will be explained and documented.

This workshop is critical to inform leaders and participants engaged in reform initiatives to harmonize guidelines development with current trends in the healthcare system.