

Core Outcome Sets in Wounds Research

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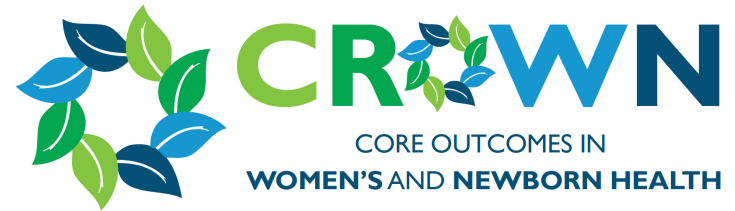
Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials

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Core outcome set

An agreed standardised set of outcomes that should be measured and reported, as a minimum, in all clinical trials in specific areas of health or health care





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Core Outcome sets for Reporting of clinical trials for the treatment of Venous leg ulceration (CoreVen)



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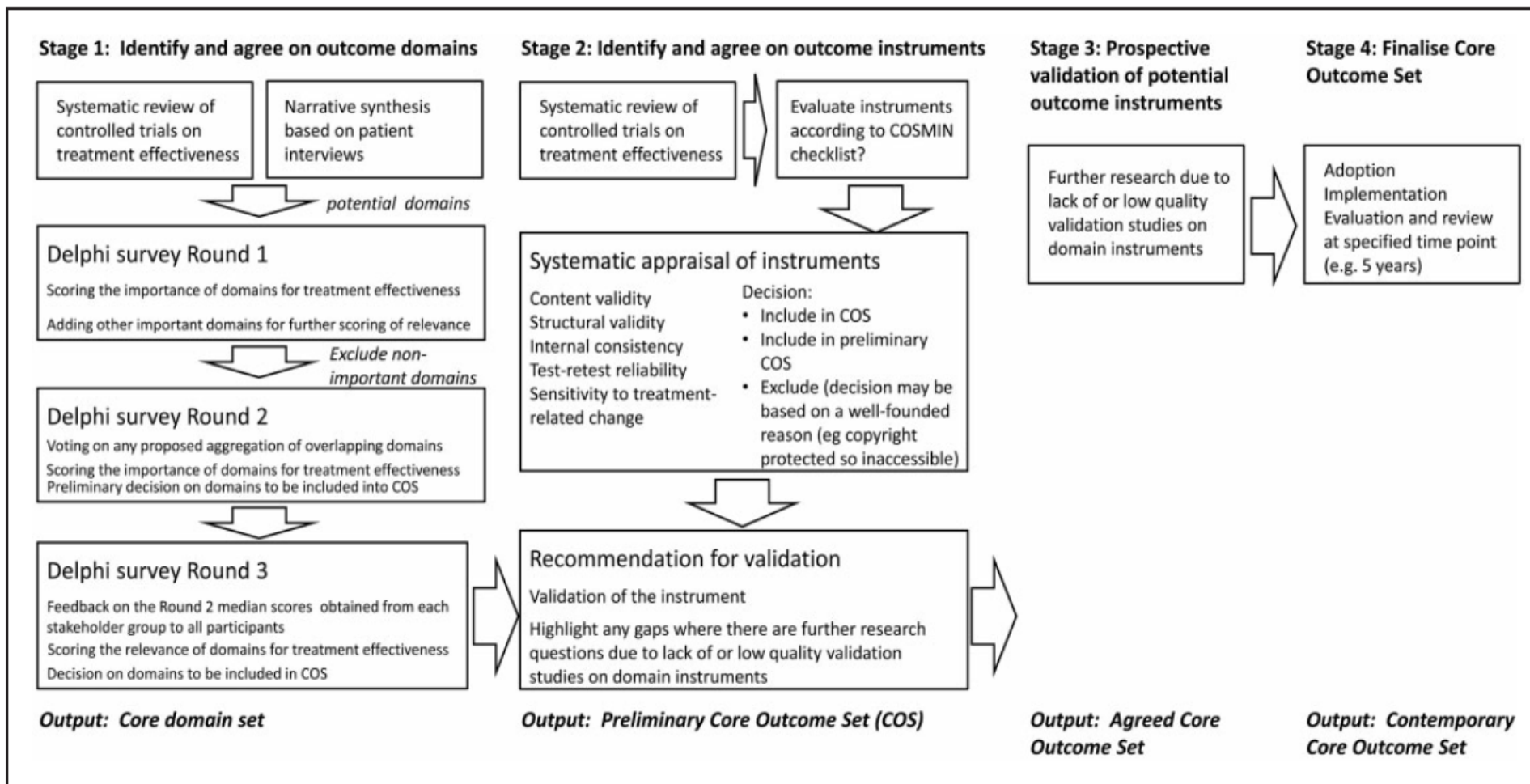


Figure 3. Anticipated roadmap for the project. COS = Core Outcome Set.

Advantages of core outcome sets

- Increases consistency across trials
- Maximise potential for trial to contribute to systematic reviews of these key outcomes



Advantages of core outcome sets

- Much more likely to measure appropriate outcomes
- Major reduction in selective reporting
- Inclusion of all stakeholders, respects different perspectives



Stakeholder involvement

- Health care practitioners
- Patients, carers, representatives
- Regulators
- Industry representatives
- Researchers
- Stage of involvement may vary by group



Key Questions to be addressed:

- How to we best engage patients in this process?
- Should industry be involved?
- How widely do we consult in the Delphi study?
- How can we best achieve consensus to ensure equal opportunity for participation?
- How do we ensure acceptability of findings?



- Need to define the scope of the COS
- Need to define clinical setting for applicability
- Level of consensus (e.g. 70%)
- Need to consider the power of COS – industry, reimbursement, legal implications.
- How do we disseminate ?



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