

# Involvement of patients in an IPD meta-analysis: what have we learned?



## Seminar

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Seminar Room A19/20, Alcuin A/B block

*Claire Vale is a Senior Scientist in the Meta-analysis Group at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit where she has been involved in systematic reviews and meta-analyses in cancer treatments for more than 10 years.*

*She has recently led a project involving a group of women in a systematic review of IPD of treatment for cervical cancer.*

*Claire currently chairs the Consumer Involvement Group at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit, where she has been involved in developing a policy, advice and guidance on involving consumers in trials.*

In April 2005, we initiated a project to involve women affected by cervical cancer in a systematic review and meta-analysis of individual patient data to evaluate treatments for this disease.

Each of the women had previously been treated for cervical cancer. We aimed to evaluate the process of involvement from the researcher and research partner perspective during the course of the meta-analysis and following its completion.

I will present the findings of these evaluations trying to reflect on what went well and what didn't and the lessons that we learned together that we hope to take forwards into our future reviews.