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*GDG co-chair of methodology*

Dr **Schünemann** is chair of the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University, widely considered the birthplace of evidence-based medicine. He trained in internal medicine, epidemiology, preventive medicine and public health.

Having contributed to over 400 peer-reviewed publications (across a broad area of health care questions) he is co-chair of the GRADE working group, co-director of the World Health Organization (WHO) collaborating centre for evidence informed policy-making, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Guideline International Network, the Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group, and several other committees.

He led or participated in numerous high profile guideline panels, including at the WHO, the American College of Physicians, American Thoracic Society, the World Allergy Organization and he was a key contributor to the revised methods for WHO guideline development in 2006.

For the past 15 years, he has been advisor to ministries of health and other governmental organizations for their guideline programs.

His work also focuses on practical application of his work by researchers and clinicians through contributions to the guideline development tool, the guideline checklist and GRADE evidence to decision frameworks. Maintaining an active clinical practice fulfils his passion for patient care and ensures his research is people-oriented.

In his personal life, he has planned to ride the course of a Tour de France, trains vigorously and succeeded partially.