

From treatment support to quality of life:

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Re-imagining the role of the NAPWHA Treatment Treatment Network

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Three authors of an academic paper on Quantifying unmet treatment needs among people living with HIV in Australia published in

Population Medicine Oct 2021/Vol 3 partnered with three community advocates in Australia who were interested in taking this paper and creating a community accessible and PLHIV-specific document which summarises the research for greater accessibility.

What is knowledge translation?

Knowledge translation (KT) is a commonly used practice across many disciplines taking academic publications to rearticulate and translate these into community accessible resources. The aim of KT is to ensure that knowledge development is made more accessible to a greater body of people and in particular those involved as the subjects in the research and the agencies that are commissioned to support them.

What were the knowledge translation activities developed?

The authors worked with the community advocates through their comprehension of the paper and assisted with the creation of a plain English, easily accessible version of the paper.

The community advocates then took the translation even further, developing a short video (TikTok style) and memes to be used to promote access to the paper and the important messages therein. This work has been highlighted a best practice in a recent National Forum for PLHIV (June 2022).

Key reflections on the #PeersExplain project

- The process and permission allowed **creativity and lateral thinking** to be brought to the foreground.
- The process developed **new partnership and relationships** across professional disciplines.
- It highlighted how **critically important community advocates** are to knowledge translation being accessible and useful.
- **Compensation to community advocates** is critical so the project is viewed and valued as the important work it is.
- Validation for processes like these means a **commitment to promotion and publication**.

'We hope that the outcomes from this project can more fully demonstrate that the publication of academic papers is not the end point of research; and that further analysis from authors co-creating with community leads to better access and utility for everyone'

@HeatherEEllis @BeauNewham and I also created this meme. It is designed to underline the challenge of representing ALL people living with HIV (#plhiv) in research, and to remind us to be cautious when drawing conclusions.



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