



Orientation to workgroup materials

Participants are assigned to workgroups, insofar as possible, according to participants' registration choices, to create approximately equally sized discussion groups and to create as much diversity within a small group as possible, given the limited number of attendees. Each workgroup:

- Has a designated
 - Facilitator to guide the discussion
 - Expert resource person to assist the facilitator and to provide background and perspective
- Should select a reporter to present the results of its discussions to workshop participants at the afternoon plenary session.

The workgroup's goal is *to explore the domain, inherent in the description of the workgroup topic*, by addressing challenges, issues, policy choices, etc. Each workgroup has approximately 90 minutes to discuss these matters, and to formulate pertinent findings, conclusions, and recommendations, and, if applicable, to identify significant diversity of opinions in these regards. After the discussion, in the afternoon plenary session, a spokesperson for the workgroup will have the opportunity to present the group's discussion results to all workshop participants. The workgroup may elect the moderator, expert resource, or another participant to make this presentation. At the conclusion of the reporter's presentation, workshop participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. The workgroup reporter will moderate this discussion, and may draw on any workgroup member to respond to a question or to expand on an answer to a question.

Contents of this section

The remainder of this section consists of:

- Assignment of participants to the four workgroups (blue pages)
- Venue room location map
- Institute's guidelines for workgroup facilitators, expert resources, and reporters.
- For each workgroup, an information sheet that 1) describes the workshop topic, and 2) lists some issues that the workgroup may wish to consider. *Listed issues are only illustrative. They serve only as a starting point for the discussion. The workgroup should decide which topics it wants to consider pertinent to the workshop's purpose.* The 4 workgroups are (in order):
 1. What consumers want and will use
 2. Future of trustmarks, ratings and consumer feedback
 3. Information for consumers to make healthcare decisions
 4. Gathering evidence and improving research