

Dear SQIP community,

In addition to being past-president of SQIP, I am Council Representative of the Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology and have been working on the issue of practice guidelines for the last year, though my interest in this issue has spanned more than 20 years. I would like to share with the SQIP membership a petition that has been circulating and is relevant to our community because of our joint interest in developing clinical practice recommendations that are not based upon a narrow slice of quantitative research, but that are developed through the careful consideration of a broad range of research methods, including qualitative research, meta-analyses, process research, and mixed methods.

This petition, which has accumulated over 2000 thousand signatures over its first week, concerns APA's policy on practice guidelines and calling for a broad, inclusive multi-method approach to healthcare research and evidence of effectiveness/value of clinical practice rather than the current restriction of Clinical Practice Guidelines to research using randomized controlled trials (RCTs).

I believe that if this petition has significant support, it may be helpful in motivating APA Council in its March meeting to review APA policy concerning Practice Guidelines. It encourages them to develop a policy that is more inclusive of diverse theories, research methods and practices that are relevant to psychotherapy.

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/480/492/776/?cid=headerClick>

Thank you for your consideration.

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