

International consumer engagement in guideline development: Surveying patients in 30 countries

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Background

The *International Pressure Injury Clinical Guideline*, developed by representatives from peak wound care bodies in over 30 countries and led by the US National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and Pan-Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance, is being revised. Consumer engagement is promoted in the guideline development through surveys, patient developers and stakeholder review.

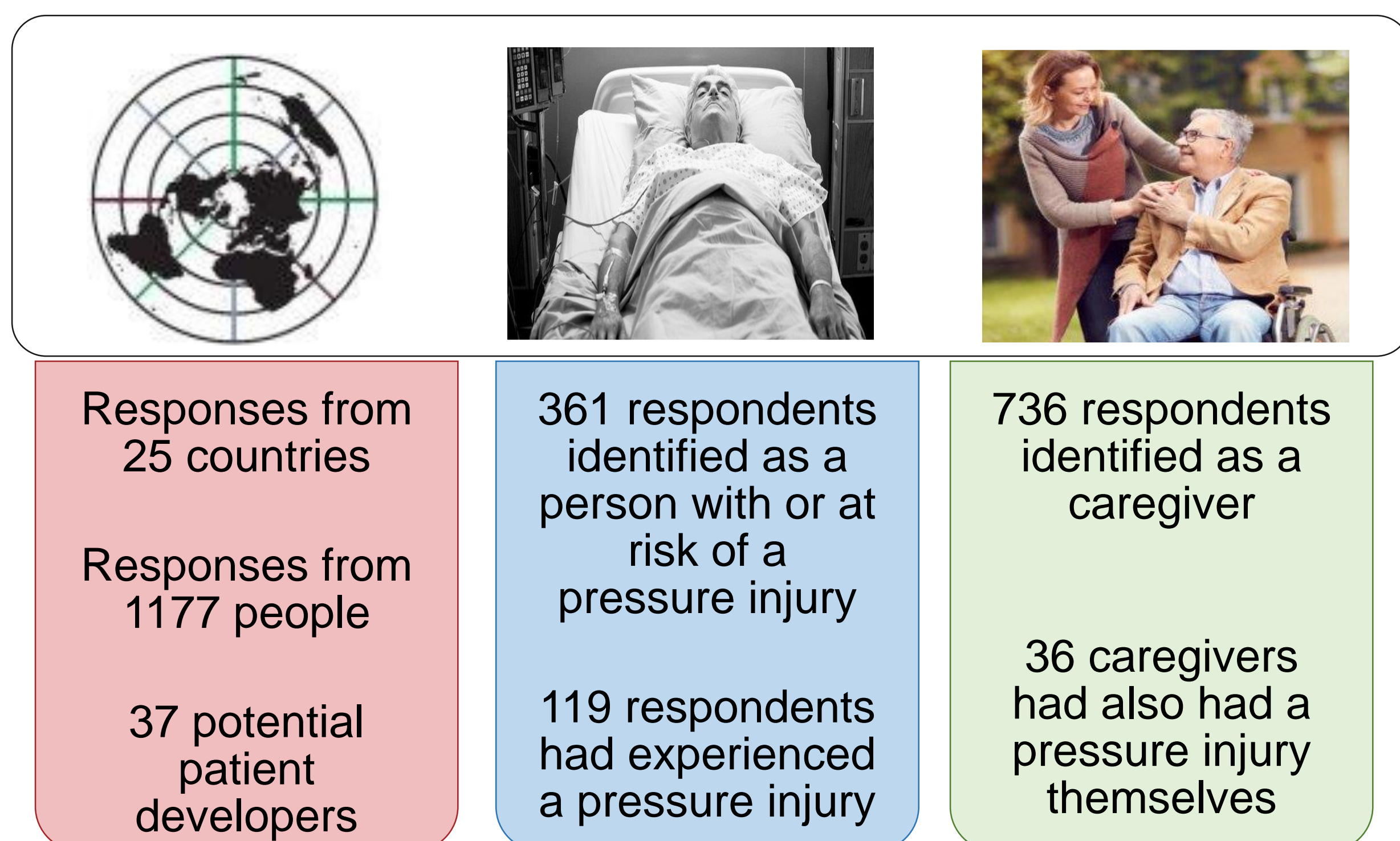
Goal

To promote consumer involvement in guideline development, and to determine consumer priorities for information and resources on pressure injury prevention and treatment.

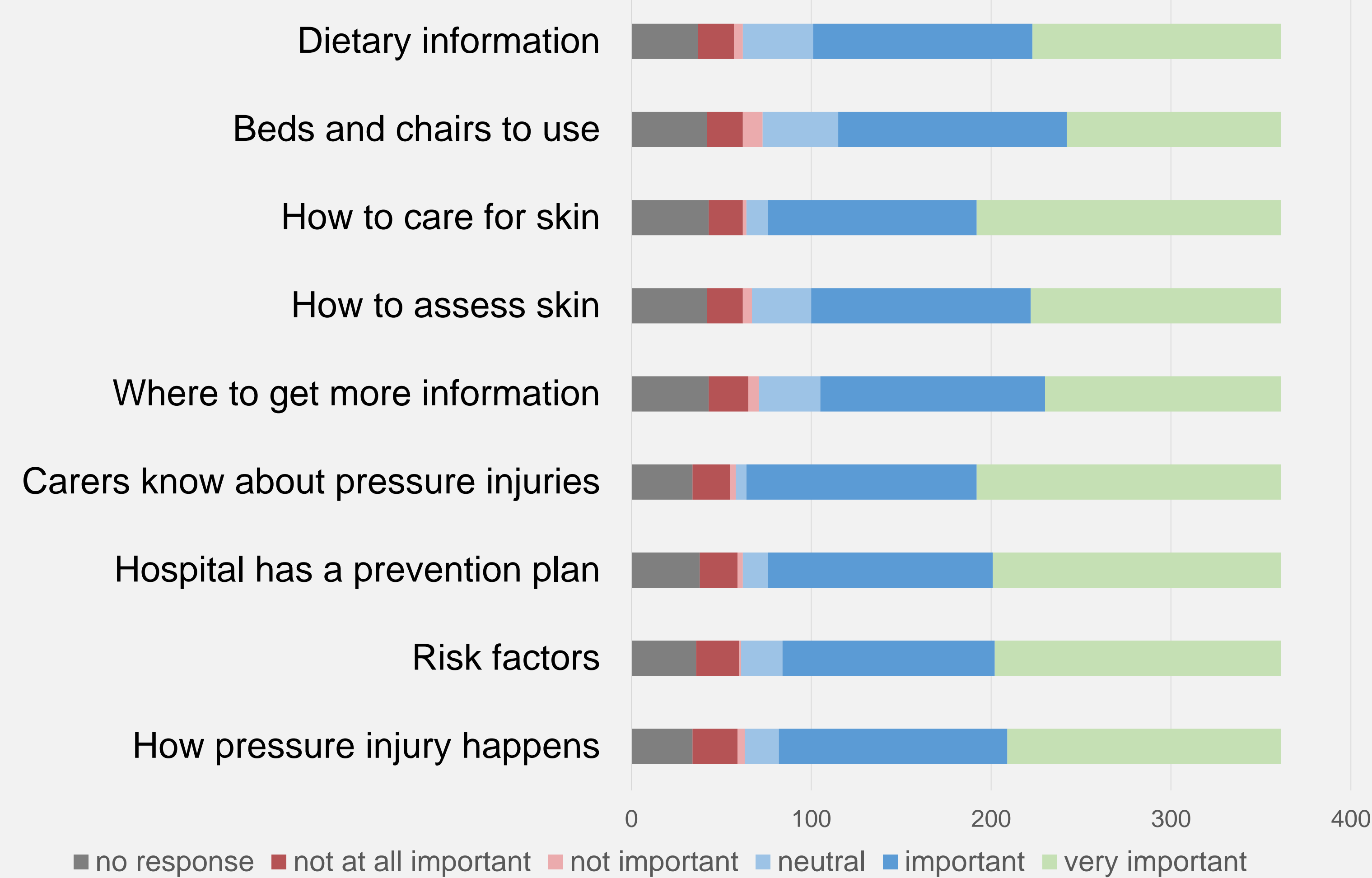
Methods

- Ethics clearance or waivers from universities and health bodies in Australia, USA and Japan.
- World-wide patient/informal caregiver survey, available in nine languages.
- Survey developed with attention to readability, time to complete and ease to complete.
- Promotion by peak wound care bodies, consumer representative organisations and clinical staff in 30 countries.
- Survey available online since 24 April 2018, open until 30 October 2018.

Results: Consumer engagement (at 3 months)



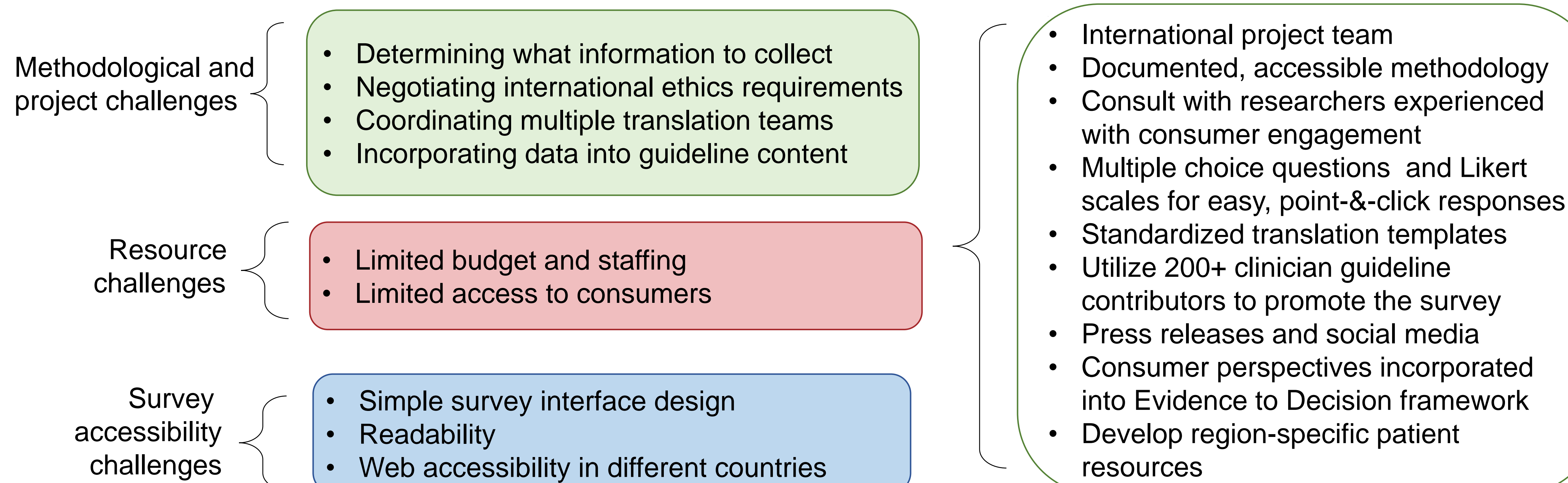
Results: How important is information to pressure injury patient consumers?



Results: What are the care goals of people with or at risk of pressure injury?



Discussion: Challenges faced in surveying consumers and strategies implemented



Implications for guideline developers

More evidence on successful strategies that promote consumer input into guideline development is needed.

Surveys are a successful strategy to promote consumer engagement and incorporate consumer goals and needs during the stages of guideline development.

The *International Pressure Injury Clinical Guideline* (3rd edition) will be available November 2019.

<http://internationalguideline.com>

