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Title of the presentation: The future is here: Clients who bring research evidence to therapists

In this invited presentation, Annie will summarise research about ‘patient mediated interventions’ which is one strategy used to change clinical practice. This strategy involves coaching people with a health condition to actively seek evidence based diagnosis, assessment and intervention. . Examples from medical literature will be presented, and preliminary findings from a study involving people with stroke. In this new study, clients and family members are being coached, and provided with research-based information to take to their treating occupational therapist or physiotherapist.

