

# Better Evidence for Providers Program Overview

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# Better Evidence for Providers: Overview

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## Mission

To enhance access and uptake of the latest clinical evidence among current and future health care providers serving vulnerable populations.

## Vision

All providers will routinely access the best available evidence for diagnosis and treatment to provide the best possible care everywhere.

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- Provides one-year renewable UpToDate subscriptions for individual health care providers (e.g. clinicians, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, residents, medical officers, etc.) serving vulnerable populations
- Since its founding in 2009, the Better Evidence for Providers program has facilitated 60,000+ free UpToDate subscriptions to qualified health professionals in 130+ countries

*"I work in medicine, offering clinical care free of charge to patients, and often represent the patient's only opportunity to see a doctor. In those instances, UpToDate has helped me choose the best management measures in order to minimize the damage caused by the long waiting times, and sometimes even to initiate treatment myself while patients wait for specialist appointments."*

*– Provider in Brazil*

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- **UpToDate** is a clinical decision support tool authored by 7,300 world-renowned physicians who synthesize the most recent medical information into trusted, evidence-based recommendations accessible via the web or download, on a computer or a smartphone.
- Over 2 million clinicians in over 190 countries rely on UpToDate to find the answers to pressing questions.
- Clinicians report information provided by UpToDate changes their decisions 30% of the time, impacting patient outcomes.

# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Eligibility

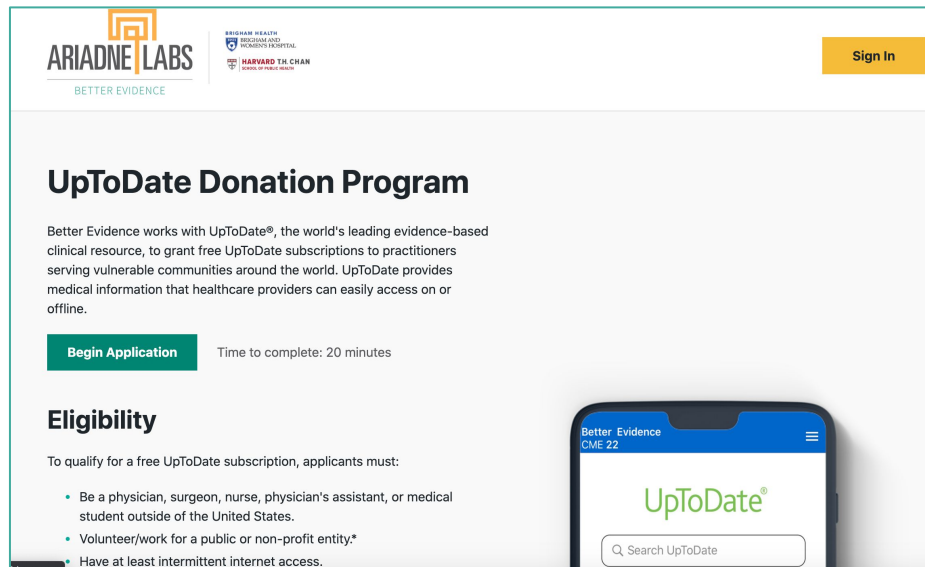
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**To qualify for the Better Evidence for Providers Program, applicants must:**

- Provide health services to patients (e.g. as a physician, surgeon, nurse, pharmacist, clinical officer, or medical student) outside of the United States.
- Volunteer/work for a public or non-profit entity.\*
- Have at least intermittent Internet access.
- Be able to complete the application in English.
- Explain how your work directly aligns with our program aim.  
(Aim: to help current and future health care providers serving vulnerable populations gain access to evidence-based clinical resources to ensure they have the best tools to diagnose, treat, and advise their patients)
- Verify that neither you nor your institution can afford UpToDate.

\*For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Application



- The application takes about **20 minutes** to complete
- Application processing takes **30 - 45 days total** but can be longer if we are receiving large volumes of applications
- Award decisions will be sent **via email**
- Applicants can reach out to [beproviders@ariadnelabs.org](mailto:beproviders@ariadnelabs.org) with any questions

<https://www.better-evidence.org/>

# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Application

- First, the applicant will need to **indicate which medical site they are working at**
- This will be done by selecting their country and searching for their site by typing in the facility name
- If the site has already been registered, please select it from the drop down options
  - If the site does not show up when searching, it is possible to add new sites

## Medical Facility

Please search for and select the medical facility at which you see patients. To search for your medical facility, please select your country and/or begin typing in your medical facility name to narrow results. If you cannot find your site, please try searching using abbreviations, acronyms, or your city. Once you find your medical facility in the drop down options, select "set as my site".

If you cannot find your medical facility in our database, you may select "Add my medical facility", *but please note this selection may result in a longer application review process, so we highly suggest conducting a thorough search before selecting this option.*

Local facility country \*

Uganda

Narrow your results with your medical facility's name or city

Engeye

Engeye health center  
kampala

☐ Set as my site

**Facility not found?**

No problem! Continue your application by adding your medical facility's details.

Add my medical  
facility



# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Application

The applicant will then answer basic demographic and contact questions:

**Better Evidence-UpToDate Donation Application**

Program aim: To ensure healthcare workers in resource-limited settings can access UpToDate.

First Name/Given Name \*

Last Name/Family Name \*

Title/Degree  
Select all that apply

☐ DO

☐ MBChB

☐ PA

☐ Other

☐ MBA

☐ MD

☐ PhD

☐ MBBS

☐ MPH

☐ RN

If other was selected, please describe.

What is your preferred salutation for correspondence?  
(For example: Dr. Smith, Ms. Jane, etc.)

Please select the gender with which you most closely identify. \*

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to answer

What is your age? \*

Preferred phone number \*

And other questions about their role:

I provide direct medical care to patients. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

On average, how many patients do you see in a week? \*

I am paid for the services I provide at this site. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is your role/profession? \*

Select all that apply

☐ Physician

☐ Medical registrar

☐ Physician assistant

☐ Medical librarian

☐ Surgeon

☐ House officer

☐ Nurse

☐ Medical student

☐ Resident

☐ Medical officer

☐ Nurse practitioner

☐ Faculty member

☐ Attending

☐ Medical intern

☐ Pharmacist

☐ Other

☐ Medical doctor

☐ Medical specialist

☐ Corporate

If other was selected, please describe.

What is your primary medical specialty? \*

☐ Allergy and immunology

☐ Geriatrics

☐ Ophthalmology

☐ Rheumatology

☐ Anesthesiology

☐ Hematology

☐ Orthopedic surgery

☐ Sleep medicine

☐ Cardiology

☐ Hospital medicine

☐ Otorhinolaryngology

☐ Sports medicine

☐ Dermatology

☐ Infectious disease

☐ Palliative care

☐ Surgery

☐ Emergency medicine

☐ Internal medicine

☐ Pathology

☐ Urology

☐ Endocrinology

☐ Nephrology

☐ Pediatrics

☐ Women's health

☐ Family medicine

☐ Neurology

☐ Psychiatry

☐ Other

☐ Gastroenterology

☐ OB/GYN

☐ Pulmonary

☐ General practice

☐ Oncology

☐ Radiology

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As well as their setting and tool use:

In what type of setting do you primarily practice, teach, or study? \*

☐ All rural ☐ Mostly rural ☐ Partly rural, partly urban ☐ Mostly urban ☐ All urban

Would you be willing to be contacted by our team to talk more about your experience? \*

☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about Better Evidence? \*

☐ Accessed previously through my medical school as part of the Better Evidence for Training program ☐ Accessed previously through my medical school, but not as part of the Better Evidence for Training program ☐ Colleague ☐ UpToDate website ☐ GHDOOnline.org ☐ Presentation/lecture ☐ globalhealthdelivery.org ☐ Conference ☐ Ariadne Labs program/ Aria ☐ Flyer/poster ☐ Online search ☐ Facebook ☐ Other

If other was selected, please describe.

How often do you have access to a smartphone, tablet or computer while providing clinical care? \*

☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Almost always ☐ Always

How often do you use the following resources when in need of advice or answers on clinical questions?

Medscape \* ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

PubMed \* ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

Google \* ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

Wikipedia \* ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently

In addition to questions about “add-ons”:

If there are other digital tools you feel could improve your practice and would like access to, please list:

Aproximately how many of the clinical care providers that you work with use UpToDate? \*

☐ 100% ☐ 75% ☐ 50% ☐ 25% ☐ 0% ☐ I don't know ☐ N/A (I don't work with other clinical providers.)

In the last month, when you've had diagnostic or treatment questions, how often have you been able to find the answers? \*

☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Frequently ☐ N/A

I would like to add Downloadable Desktop: An application that enables offline access on a desktop computer or laptop after an initial Internet-powered download \*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your subscription will come with MobileComplete: All UpToDate features accessible without a Wi-Fi or network connection on smartphones and/or tablets (if available in your country). Do you anticipate using these features? \*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Through using UpToDate, you may be able to accrue continuing medical education credits. Would this be of interest to you? \*

☐ Yes ☐ No

# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Application

- Finally, they'll be asked to describe their "Program Aim"
- This question seeks an **understanding of how they plan to use UpToDate**, and verifies whether they will be using it to benefit vulnerable populations
- In this section, they should be sure to mention **whether they are seeing patients directly, and how they are serving vulnerable populations**

## Better Evidence UpToDate Donation Application

### Program Aim \*

*In English*, please explain, in as much detail as possible, why you are applying for an UpToDate subscription through our donations program. In your answer, you may include information such as:

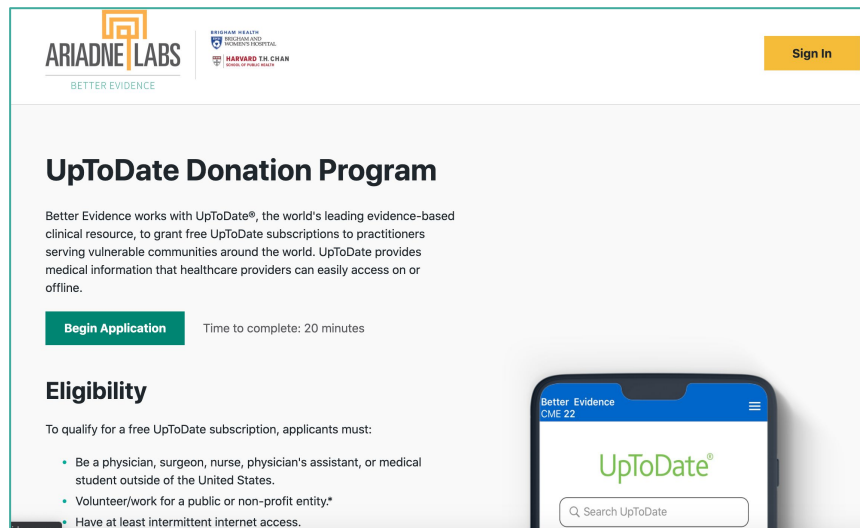
- A description of your role including *direct patient care*
- How you envision UpToDate impacting your *clinical practice*
- The set-up and funding structure of your organization (the sources of revenue for your site's services, if you are part of a larger health network, what kinds of medical resources are made available to staff, etc)
- Your organization's impact on the community (what population of patients your site primarily serves, whether health care is provided at no cost for those who cannot afford it, etc.)

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### Not ready to submit your application?

Save your application as a draft, and you can return later to edit or proofread.

# Better Evidence for Providers: Program Renewal



- To maintain subscription access, **providers will complete a short renewal application each year**
- We recommend providers **apply for renewal 2-3 months prior to their subscription expiration** date to avoid a lapse in access - they will receive reminder emails to do so when the time comes
- There is no limit to the number of times a provider can renew their account

<https://www.better-evidence.org/>

# Promoting Uptake of UpToDate

We recommend nominating 1-2 local advocates who can lead efforts to improve tool uptake by:

- Educating friends and colleagues about the Better Evidence for Providers program
- Assisting providers in applying for donated UpToDate access and encouraging their use of the tool in daily practice

## Implementation Ideas:

- Start an **email listserv** for providers and send information about the program and application link
- Designate a **provider representative** to communicate with others **via WhatsApp** about the program
- Host **webinars/training sessions** for providers on the features and benefits of UpToDate and how to apply for continued access

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## Questions?

You can contact us at [beproviders@ariadnelabs.org](mailto:beproviders@ariadnelabs.org)



## Note:

There is no restriction on the number of donated subscriptions we can award, so please share about this program with others!

There is also no limit on the number of times a provider can renew their account.