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Design and implementation of a system that explicates the broker role of clinician-scientists.

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Research aim

The aim of this research was to design and implement a system that allows clinician-scientists to make their broker role visible at the boundary between research and practice.

Methods

Participatory design research in three phases over 12 months was used to achieve the research aim.

Key findings

A system for documenting broker activities was established in Microsoft Excel. The final prototype was trialled by clinician-scientists and appeared useful in explicating their boundary activities. It assisted in showcasing the overabundance of work for them, allowed for accountable prioritisation and explicated the two-way nature of boundary crossing.

Discussion

A system that distinguishes broker activities from clinical and research tasks allows clinicianscientists to document their distinct broker role. They can explicate boundary interactions that might otherwise remain unseen. It contributes to a better understanding of the broker role of clinicianscientists which is valued but not well described in literature.