Background
Well-informed healthcare decisions depend on the ability to understand good information, particularly research evidence. The use of jargon can be a barrier to people’s understanding and use of research evidence to inform their choices.

Objective
To facilitate informed choices about treatments by promoting consistent use of plain language and providing plain language explanations of terms that people might need to understand if they wish to assess claims about treatments.

Methods
GET-IT was developed collaboratively by the Informed Healthcare Choices project (funded by Norwegian GLOBVac), Testing Treatments interactive (funded by English NIHR), and the DECIDE project (funded by the EU). We screened 15 sources to identify terms, including a sample of relevant glossaries. Evaluation of the glossary includes feedback from collaborating partners, a survey of organisations that have expressed an interest in using GET-IT, user testing and an evaluation of the impact of the definitions and explanations on users’ understanding of terms.

Results
The GET-IT glossary includes over 200 terms. For each term, there is a short definition, synonyms, and an explanation. The glossary can be translated into other languages and tailored for different users. It includes links to additional resources, and other websites can link to the GET-IT definitions. The glossary can also be embedded in other websites. It is open access and over 20 organizations have expressed an interest in using it.