The emergence of complex, uncertain health innovations over the past four decades has been responsible for a greater need for exchange and integration of knowledge of various societal actors, also known as knowledge co-production. Health-related decisions are no longer the exclusive responsibility of researchers and health professionals. The shift to multi-actor involvement in health-related decisions has been especially visible in the case of patients. In this thesis, I explore how knowledge co-production processes could be more optimally structured to enhance effective patient involvement in health-related decisions.

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