

NanoGoodPracticesWiki: Basic Use Protocol

- The NanoGoodPracticesWiki ("GoodWiki") will be steered by an editorial board initially comprised of 10-12 individuals. The GoodWiki will strive to include on the editorial board representatives from key nanotechnology stakeholders, including members from different societal and geographical interests. In selecting individuals to serve on the editorial board, consideration will also be given to finding individuals familiar with practices for the safe handling of materials generally and/or Internet collaborative software.
- The GoodWiki editorial board will evaluate all requests for 'provider' rights to add contributions to the GoodWiki. All providers and their contributions to the GoodWiki will be identified by name. Unless approved by the editorial board, the GoodWiki will not post anonymous contributions.
- The GoodWiki will work with and complement other nanotechnology information projects, including online libraries and encyclopedias. In addition, it is expected that over time the GoodWiki may grow to encompass other issues involved with nanotechnology's development. It is also expected that over time self-assembled groups of participants in the GoodWiki may branch off to form process- or product-specific good practice forums.
- The GoodWiki editorial board will establish a protocol to resolve conflicts as to page content, or a protocol to post notice of conflict, so that the audience is fully aware as to differences of opinion regarding possible good practices. In addition, GoodWiki pages may include a polling function, or 'recognized practice' bar, to denote expert opinion on the validity of the good practice being discussed on a particular page.