

Guideline Evaluation Tool: General Guideline Issues

	Yes	No	N/A
Who developed the guidelines?			
Are the members of the guideline development team identified?			
Are all practice perspectives represented?			
Are different cultural perspectives considered?			
Is patient input or participation documented?			
Are the sponsors of the guideline identified?			
Are there potential conflicts of interest?			
Why did they develop the guideline?			
Is there a clear statement of the objective of the guideline? (i.e. - is the gap between current practice and outcomes and the recommended practice and outcomes clearly stated)			
Is the guideline development process described? (if so, what process was used?)			
Explicit evidence-based (includes projections of healthcare outcomes for a defined population)			
Evidence-based			
Consensus process			
Process of development not described			
What is the strength of the evidence?			
Is there a description of the strategy used to obtain information from the literature?			
Is there a description of the strategy used to critically appraise and synthesize the evidence?			
Is the evidence presented in terms of absolute differences in outcome			
Are the major recommendations of the guideline based on high quality evidence?			
Does the guideline possess the attributes of a good guideline?			
Are the people that the guideline applies to clearly described, and are exceptions stated?			
Is the guideline clear & brief?			
Does it provide genuine, practical guidance?			
Is it flexible (does it allow for the professional judgment)?			
Can the change in care be measured?			
Is it implementable in your care delivery system?			
Is the information the guideline is based on current?			
Has the guideline been successfully piloted or implemented?			

Guideline Evaluation Tool: Guideline Specific Issues

	Best Estimate
<p>What are the characteristics of the population that the guideline applies to? How many patients does the guideline apply to, and their risk distribution if available</p>	
<p>How will the guideline impact Outcomes? (what are the benefits, harms and costs of the guideline compared to the current practice and outcomes of the population you care for)</p> <p>Health Status Outcomes What kinds of events are affected by the guideline?</p>	
How many clinical events would be avoided, over what time period?	
How many harmful treatment effects would be incurred, over what time period?	
<p>Patient Satisfaction How is this guideline likely to change the patient's experience of care?</p>	
Is the information formulated so that patient preferences can be taken into account?	
<p>Professional satisfaction How is this guideline likely to change the provider's experience of care?</p>	
<p>Effects on the Health Care Team What additional work or changes in roles and responsibilities would there be for different members of the health care team?</p>	
<p>Utilization Outcomes What changes are anticipated in visits, procedures, pharmaceuticals and lab tests?</p>	
<p>Cost Implications What would be the cost of care for the population if the guideline were implemented, and how does it compare to the current cost of care?</p>	
<p>Total Organization Impact Can the care delivery system meet the needs entailed in implementing the guideline ?</p>	
Does the organization feel comfortable with a practice stance that may be different from the community's?	
What changes would be required to adapt the guideline to local practice?	
Summary Judgment: Should the guideline be adapted to local practice and implemented?	