

Appendix 4. Modified AGREE-II tool

Domain 1. Scope and purpose

- 1. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree
- 2. The health question(s) covered by the guideline is (are) specifically described.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree
- 3. The population (patients, public, etc.) to whom the guideline is meant to apply is specifically described.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree

Domain 2. Stakeholder involvement

- 4. The guideline development group includes individuals from all relevant professional groups.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree
- 5. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) have been sought.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree
- 6. The target users of the guideline are clearly defined.**
 Strongly agree Partially agree Strongly disagree

Domain 3. Rigour of Development

- 7. Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.**
 Agree Partially agree Disagree
- 8. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described.**
 Agree Partially agree Disagree
- 9. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.**
 Agree Partially agree Disagree
- 10. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.**

Agree Partially agree Disagree

11. The health benefits, side effects, and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

12. There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

13. The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

14. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

Domain 4. Clarity of Presentation

15. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

16. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

17. Key recommendations are easily identifiable.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

Domain 5. Applicability

18. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

19. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

20. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

21. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

Domain 6. Editorial Independence

22. The views of the funding body have not influenced the content of the guideline.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

23. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.

Agree Partially agree Disagree

Scoring

Agree = 2 points

Partially agree = 1 point

Disagree = 0 points

Overall quality of the guideline

High Moderate Low