

Assessment of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) for Trustworthiness

The processes by which a CPG is developed and funded is detailed explicitly and

publicly accessible:

- 1) Who were the guideline developers?
- 2) Who funded the guideline development?

Any conflict of interest is fully disclosed:

- 1) Were any of the guideline developers funded researchers of the reviewed studies?
- 2) Are relevant clinical specialists who receive a substantial portion of their incomes from services pertinent to the CPG in the minority on the group?
- 3) Do Funder have a role in CPG development?

CPG Development Group Composition:

- 1) Is the group multidisciplinary?
- 2) Does it represent populations to be affected by the CPG?

CPG Systematic Review Intersection:

- 1) Did its developers carry out a comprehensive, reproducible literature review within the past 12 months of its publication/revision?

Establishing Evidence Foundations for and Rating Strength for EACH Recommendation:

- 1) Does the CPG include an explanation of the underlying reasoning
 - a. Benefits and Harms?
 - b. Relevant evidence and GAP?
 - c. Part played by opinion and clinical experience?
- 2) Does the CPG include a rating of the level of confidence?
- 3) Does the CPG include a rating of the strength of the recommendation?

External Review:

- 1) Does the CPG include consideration of external reviewers?

Updating:

- 1) Does the CPG include a date for updating?

Comments

Questions of CPG Trustworthiness are based on recommendations of the IOM. Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Standards for Developing Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines (2011). *Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust*. National Academies Press. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK209538/>