

Journal Club

Worksheet for Practice Guidelines

I. Determining Relevance

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| 1. Does this guideline cover patients in your practice? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Will this guideline assist in making clinical decisions for your patient population? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Is it feasible to incorporate this guideline into your practice? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

II. Is this Practice Guideline Evidence Based?

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| 1. Comprehensive, systematic evidence search with end date noted? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Evidence linked to recommendation by a strength of recommendation system? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Recommendations based on Patient-oriented rather than disease oriented outcomes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Funding sources identified | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Methodologists on panel | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6. Transparent guideline development process? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Can you tell what evidence was reviewed? | | |
| - Can you tell how the evidence was obtained? | | |
| - Can you tell how strong the evidence is? | | |
| - Can you tell how evidence was "linked" to the recommendation? | | |
| - is it know what studies were most critical and how decisions were made on the basis of those studies? | | |
| 7. Author ties to industry transparent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8. Community input included in development? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 9. Has the guideline been prospectively validated? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 10. Recommendations offer flexibility in various clinical situations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

