

Critical Appraisal Worksheet: Practice Guidelines

Citation:	
1. Does the guideline address a clear issue?	
2. Are the target users clearly defined?	
3. Was there a comprehensive search for the evidence?	
4. Are the criteria for selecting and combining the evidence clearly described?	
5. Are the methods used for formulating the recommendations clearly described?	
6. Are the health benefits, side effects, and risks of the interventions considered in formulating recommendations?	
7. Are different options for diagnosis and/or treatment of the condition clearly presented?	
8. Are the key recommendations identifiable?	
9. Is the guideline editorially independent from the funding body?	
10. Are the conflicts of interest of the developing members recorded?	
11. Is the guideline current and up-to-date?	
12. Is there an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence?	
13. Has the guideline been externally reviewed by independent experts prior to its publication?	

Adapted from: Heneghan, Carl and Badenoch, Douglas. *Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit, 2nd edition*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing; BMJ Books. 2006. p. 21.