

Supplementary Table 1. AGREE II Instrument [6]

The AGREE II consists of 23 key items organized within 6 domains followed by 2 global rating items (“Overall Assessment”). Each domain captures a unique dimension of guideline quality. Each of the AGREE II items and the two global rating items are rated on a 7-point scale (1–strongly disagree to 7–strongly agree).

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| Domain 1 - Scope and Purpose |
| The overall objectives of the guidelines are specifically described |
| The health questions covered by the guidelines are specifically described |
| The population (patients,anesthetists) to whom the guidelines is meant to apply is specifically described |
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| Domain 2 - Stakeholder involvement |
| The guideline development grp includes individuals from relevant professional groups |
| The views and preferences of the target population (patients,anesthetists) have been sought |
| The target users of the guidelines are clearly defined |
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| Domain 3 - Rigor of development |
| Systematic methods were used to search for evidence |
| The criteria for searching the evidence are clearly defined |
| The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described |
| The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described |
| The health benefits, side effects and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations |
| There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence |
| The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication |
| A procedure for updating the guideline is provided |
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| Domain 4 - Clarity of presentation |
| The recommendations are specific and unambiguous |
| The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented |
| Key recommendations are easily identifiable |
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| Domain 5 - Applicability |
| The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application |
| The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice |
| The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered |
| The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria |
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| Domain 6 - Editorial Independence |
| The views of the funding body have not influenced the contents of the guideline |
| Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed |
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| Overall Guideline Assessment |
| Rate the overall quality of this guideline (scale 1= lowest possible quality, 7=highest possible quality) |
| I would recommend this guideline for use (Yes/Yes with modifications/No) |