

RACGP GUIDELINE ASSESSMENT TOOL

1. The guideline / resource aligns with current RACGP advice. Please click on this link <http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/> to view and assess relevant RACGP guidelines, to ensure there are no conflicts with RACGP resources on this topic.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

2. The resource is clearly written in an understandable form and the key recommendations are easily identifiable.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

3. The target users and the health care context addressed by the guideline include general practitioners

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

4. The background and aims of the guidance/resource as well as the patients to whom the guideline is meant to apply are clearly described.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

5. The members of the guideline/resource development group have stated their conflicts of interest and the financial independence has documented and transparently managed.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

6. The systematic approach for appropriate evidence and the criteria for selecting the studies are described.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

7. The recommendations are unambiguous and presented along with the grades of recommendation and supporting evidence.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

8. The different options for the management of the condition are clearly presented considering the health benefits, side effects and risks.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

9. Clear designations about the currency of the guidelines are provided.

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please comment on your answer:

10. Assessment of Guideline

Is this resource suitable for RACGP endorsement? (ie Resource produced to NHMRC guideline standards, with recommendations based on best scientific evidence).

- Yes
 No

Please note a resource is not suitable as an endorsed guideline if:

- One out of eight criteria has been answered with a *No*; or
- One of the following criteria has been answered with a *Partly* 4, 6 or 7; or
- In total, more than three criteria have been answered with a *Partly*.

Comments

OR as an Accepted Clinical Resource? (ie The resource will be a useful contribution to general practice, but is not produced to NHMRC guideline standard)

- Yes
 No

Comments

Description of 2 levels of RACGP approval:

1. **Endorsement of Clinical guidelines** - Endorsement is only provided for *clinical guidelines* that are produced to National Health and Medical Research Council standard, ie Guideline recommendations are based on the systematic identification and synthesis of the best available scientific evidence.
2. **Approval as an Accepted Clinical Resource** -Approval as an *Accepted Clinical Resource* is provided when a resource is considered to make a useful contribution to general practice. However, the resource is not considered to have been produced to National Health and Medical Research Council guideline standard.