# **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:

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

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

[ ]  No

Please comment on your answer:

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

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

[ ]  No

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1. 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

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1. 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

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

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

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

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

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

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

[ ]  No

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1. Clear designations about the currency of the guidelines and date of the last search are provided.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Partly

[ ]  No

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1. **Please indicate if this resource is suitable for:**

 **a) endorsement as a guideline or b) approval as an accepted clinical resource:**

a) 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 nine 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.*

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**or**

**b)** Is this resource suitable for RACGP approval 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

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**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.