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|  | AGREE-S Appraisal Instrument |

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| **Domain** | **Item** | **Score** |
| Domain 1. Scope & purpose | 1. The guideline has been developed according to a protocol and the link to the protocol is provided. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The health question(s) covered by the guideline [patient, interventions/procedures, outcomes] are specifically described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Domain 2. Stakeholders | 1. The guideline was supported by a guideline development committee, including a guideline methodologist. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The guideline development group includes individuals from all relevant professional groups and patients. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The target users of the guideline are specifically described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Domain 3. Evidence synthesis | 1. Systematic methods were used to search for evidence. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Domain 4. Development of recommendations | 1. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) have been sought. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. Key recommendations are easily identifiable. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The guideline considers potential variability in surgical expertise of those performing the interventions/procedures. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Domain 5. Editorial independence | 1. The views of the funding body have not influenced the content of the guideline. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Domain 6. Implementation & update | 1. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The guideline has been externally reviewed by clinical and methodological experts prior to its publication. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria. | Strongly disagree Strongly agree   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Overall | Overall score | Lowest possible Highest possible  quality quality   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Would you recommend this guideline for use? | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | Yes | |  | Yes, with modifications | |  | No | |

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