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|  |  AGREE-S Appraisal Instrument |

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Sponsoring organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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.
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| 1. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.
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| 1. The health question(s) covered by the guideline [patient, interventions/procedures, outcomes] are specifically described.
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| Domain 2. Stakeholders | 1. The guideline was supported by a guideline development committee, including a guideline methodologist.
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| 1. The guideline development group includes individuals from all relevant professional groups and patients.
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| 1. The target users of the guideline are specifically described.
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| Domain 3. Evidence synthesis | 1. Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.
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| 1. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described.
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| 1. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.
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| Domain 4. Development of recommendations | 1. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) have been sought.
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| 1. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.
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| 1. There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.
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| 1. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.
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| 1. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.
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| 1. Key recommendations are easily identifiable.
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| 1. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.
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| 1. The guideline considers potential variability in surgical expertise of those performing the interventions/procedures.
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| Domain 5. Editorial independence | 1. The views of the funding body have not influenced the content of the guideline.
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| 1. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.
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| Domain 6. Implementation & update | 1. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.
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| 1. The guideline has been externally reviewed by clinical and methodological experts prior to its publication.
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| 1. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.
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| 1. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice.
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| 1. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.
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| Overall | Overall score | Lowest possible Highest possible quality quality

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| Would you recommend this guideline for use? |

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|  | Yes |
|  | Yes, with modifications |
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