



# AGREE-S Appraisal Instrument

Title of guideline: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of first author: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

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 <span style="float: right;">Strongly agree</span> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	2. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.	Strongly disagree <span style="float: right;">Strongly agree</span> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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3. The health question(s) covered by the guideline [patient, interventions/procedures, outcomes] are specifically described.	Strongly disagree <span style="float: right;">Strongly agree</span> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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	12. There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	13. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	14. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	15. Key recommendations are easily identifiable.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	16. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	17. The guideline considers potential variability in surgical expertise of those performing the interventions/procedures.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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Domain 5. Editorial independence	18. The views of the funding body have not influenced the content of the guideline.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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	19. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.	Strongly disagree								Strongly agree
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Domain 6. Implementation & update	20. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.	Strongly disagree						Strongly agree
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	21. The guideline has been externally reviewed by clinical and methodological experts prior to its publication.	Strongly disagree						Strongly agree
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	22. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.	Strongly disagree						Strongly agree
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23. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice.	Strongly disagree						Strongly agree	
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24. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.	Strongly disagree						Strongly agree	
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Overall	Overall score	Lowest possible quality						Highest possible quality
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Would you recommend this guideline for use?		Yes					
			Yes, with modifications					
			No					

