



AGREE-S Reporting Checklist

Title of guideline: _____

Name of first author: _____

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Section	Checklist item	✓	Reported in: (page # or manuscript section)
Protocol	1. The guideline has been developed according to a protocol and the link to the protocol is provided.		
Objective	2. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.		
Health question(s)	3. The health question(s) covered by the guideline [patient, interventions/procedures, outcomes] are specifically described.		
Methodological support	4. The guideline reports on whether it was supported by a guideline development committee, including a guideline methodologist.		
Stakeholder involvement	5. Representation of professional groups and patients included in the guideline development group is reported.		
Target users	6. The target users of the guideline are specifically described.		
Systematic review	7. The methods that were used to search for evidence are clearly described.		
Selection criteria	8. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described.		
Strengths/limitations of evidence	9. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.		
Patient/public input	10. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) are reported.		

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Formulation of recommendations	11. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.		
Link between evidence and recommendations	12. The health benefits, side effects, and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations.		
Link between evidence and recommendations	13. The link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence is explicitly reported.		
Clarity of recommendations	14. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.		
Alternative options	15. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.		
Identification of recommendations	16. Key recommendations are easily identifiable.		
Resource considerations	17. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.		
Practice variability	18. The guideline discusses potential variability in surgical expertise of those performing the interventions/procedures.		
Role of funder	19. The role of the funding body is described.		
Conflicts of interest	20. Competing interests of guideline development group members are reported in detail.		
Facilitators and barriers	21. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.		
Update	22. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.		
Implementation	23. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice.		
Monitoring	24. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.		