

AAOS Specialty Society Clinical Practice Guideline Standard Criteria for Endorsement Consideration

The following checklist was constructed to provide a transparent, standardized protocol for AAOS consideration of endorsement of musculoskeletal clinical practice guidelines produced by external organizations.

This checklist serves only as a reference. Documents that fulfill the criteria listed below are eligible for AAOS endorsement. Eligibility for endorsement does not guarantee endorsement, and endorsement does not guarantee publication on OrthoGuidelines. Please contact Kaitlyn Sevarino at sevarino@aaos.org to submit a musculoskeletal clinical practice guideline for AAOS endorsement.

CHECKLIST ITEM AND DESCRIPTION	Check the box if your guideline meets this requirement
SCOPE AND PURPOSE	
1. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.	
2. The health question(s) covered by the guideline is (are) specifically described.	
3. The population (patients, public, etc.) to whom the guideline is meant to apply is specifically described.	
STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT	
4. The guideline development group includes individuals from all the relevant professional groups.	
5. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) have been sought.	
6. The target users of the guideline are clearly defined.	
RIGOR OF DEVELOPMENT	
7. Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.	
8. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described.	
9. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.	
10. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.	
11. The health benefits, side effects and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations.	
12. There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.	
13. The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication.	
14. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.	
CLARITY OF PRESENTATION	
15. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.	

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16. The different options for management of the conditions or health issue are clearly presented.	
17. Key recommendations are easily defined.	
APPLICABILITY	
18. The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.	
19. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into place.	
20. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.	
21. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.	
EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE	
22. The views of the funding body have not been influenced the content of the guideline.	
23. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.	