The RAND/UCLA Appropriateness Method

Develop list of clinical scenarios (indications) that describes patients who might present for the procedure of interest.

Literature review and synthesis for the procedure of interest

Voting panel Rates indication

Criteria

- Appropriate - health benefits exceed health risks by a wide margin
- Uncertain - health benefits do not exceed health risks by a wide enough margin*
- Inappropriate - health risks exceed health benefits by a wide margin

*Can also express need for future research (i.e. there is insufficient or conflicting evidence)