

Guidelines International Network Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

Title of the Guideline	Treatment of Anemia in Patients With Heart Disease: A Clinical Practice Guideline From the American College of Physicians
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<p><u>Composition of Guideline Development Group</u></p> <p>Guideline development panel includes diverse and relevant stakeholders, such as health professionals, methodologists, experts on a topic, and patients.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>ACP's published guideline development methods paper (see attached)</p>
<p><u>Decision-making Process</u></p> <p>Guideline describes the process used to reach consensus among the panel members and, if applicable, approval by the sponsoring organization. This process was established before the start of guideline development.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>ACP's published guideline development methods paper (see attached)</p>
<p><u>Conflicts of Interest (disclosure)</u></p> <p>Guideline includes disclosure of the financial and nonfinancial conflicts of interest for members of the guideline development group.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>Guideline, page 8</p>
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<p><u>Scope of a Guideline</u></p> <p>Guideline specifies its objective(s) and scope.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 1</p>
<p><u>Methods</u></p> <p>Guideline clearly describes the methods used for the guideline development in detail.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, pages 1-2 ACP's published guideline development methods paper (attached)</p>
<p><u>Evidence Reviews</u></p> <p>Guideline uses systematic evidence review methods to identify and evaluate evidence related to the guideline topic.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 1</p>
<p><u>Guideline Recommendations</u></p> <p>Guideline recommendation clearly stated and based on scientific evidence of benefits; harms; and, if possible, costs.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 6</p>
<p><u>Rating of Evidence</u></p> <p>Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the evidence.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 2 Also, ACP's published guideline development methods paper (attached)</p>

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<p><u>Rating of Recommendations</u></p> <p>Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the strength of its recommendations.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 2 ACP's published guideline development methods paper (attached)</p>
<p><u>Peer Review and Stakeholder Consultations</u></p> <p>Review by external stakeholders conducted before guideline publication.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Evidence review undergoes extensive stakeholder review and public comment. Guideline is subject to external peer review upon submission to journal.</p>
<p><u>Guideline Expiration and Updating</u></p> <p>Guideline includes an expiry date and/or describes the process that the guideline groups will use to update recommendations.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, pages 7-8</p>
<p><u>Financial Support and Sponsoring Organization</u></p> <p>Guideline discloses financial support for the development of both the evidence review as well as the guideline recommendations.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>Guideline, page 7-8</p>

Additional Comments

**Link to ACP's published guideline development methods paper:
<http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=745942>**