

Guidelines International Network Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

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Additional Comments

Methods paper: Qaseem A, Snow V, Owens DK, Shekelle P. The Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines and Guidance Statements of the American College of Physicians: Summary of Methods. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2010;153(3):194-9.