

## Appendix 2: Evaluation of Guidelines – AHCPR Guidelines

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Acute Low Back Problems in Adults</b>	<b>Acute Pain Management: Operative or Medical Procedures and Trauma</b>	<b>Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: Diagnosis and Treatment</b>	<b>Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Cataract in Adults: Management of Functional Impairment</b>	<b>Depression in Primary Care, Volumes 1 and 2</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	X	NO	NO	X	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	X	NO	X	NO	X
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	NO	X	X	X	X
11b. Harms are quantified	X	NO	X	X	X	X
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	X	NO	X	X	NO	X
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	X	NO	X	X	NO	X
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	X	NO	X	X	X	X
14. Costs are quantified	X	NO	X	X	X	X
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	X	X	X	X	X	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	NO	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
23. Method of identifying evidence	X	X	X	X	X	X

is specified						
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	X	X	X	X	X	X
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	X	NO	NO	X	X	X
25. Method of data extraction is specified	X	X	NO	NO	X	X

### Evaluation of Guidelines - AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Heart Failure: Evaluation and Care of Patients with Left-Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction</b>	<b>Management of Cancer Pain</b>	<b>Otitis Media with Effusion in Young Children</b>	<b>Post-Stroke Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Pressure Ulcers in Adults: Prediction and Prevention</b>	<b>Quality Determinants of Mammography</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	X	NO	X	NO	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11b. Harms are quantified	X	X	X	X	X	X
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	X	X	X	X	X	X
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	X	X	X	X	X	X
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
14. Costs are quantified	X	X	X	X	NO	X
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	X	X	X	X	NO	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X

23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	X	X	X	X	X	X
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	X	NO	NO	X

### Evaluation of Guidelines - AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Recognition and Initial Assessment of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias</b>	<b>Sickle Cell Disease: Screening, Diagnosis, Management and Counseling</b>	<b>Treatment of Pressure Ulcers</b>	<b>Urinary Incontinence in Adults: Acute and Chronic Management</b>	<b>Unstable Angina: Diagnosis and Management</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	X	X	X	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	X	X	X
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	NO	NO	X	X	X
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	X	X	X	X
11b. Harms are quantified	X	X	X	X	X
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	X	NO	X	X	X
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	X	NO	X	X	X
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	X	X	X	X	X
14. Costs are quantified	X	X	X	X	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	NO	NO	X	X	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

evidence or expert opinion are used and described					
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	NO	X	X	X
23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	X	X	X	X	X
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	X	X	X	X	X
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	X	NO	X	X	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	X	NO	NO	X	NO

## Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that are Updates of AHCPR Guidelines

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Consensus Recommendations for the Management of Chronic Heart Failure (Am J Cardiology)</b>	<b>Guidelines for Management of Patients with Heart Failure (HFSA)</b>	<b>Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Unstable Angina (ACC/AHA)</b>	<b>Pressure Ulcer Patient and Wound Assessment (Rijswijk and Braden)</b>	<b>Treating Major Depression in Primary Care Practice (Schulberg, et al)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	NO	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	NO	X	X	NO	NO
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	X	NO	NO
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	NO	X	X	NO	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	NO
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	X	X	X	X
11b. Harms are quantified	X	X	X	X	NO
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	NO	X	X	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	NO	X	X	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
14. Costs are quantified	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	NO	NO	X	NO	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	NO	X	NO	NO
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	NO	X	X	X
23. Method of identifying evidence	NO	NO	X	X	X

is specified					
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	NO	NO	X	X	X
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	NO	NO	X	X	X
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	X	NO	NO

### Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that Reference/Adapt the AHCPR Guidelines

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Acute Pain Management, Research-Based Protocol (University of Iowa)</b>	<b>Adult Low Back Pain (ICSI)</b>	<b>Assessment and Management of Acute Pain (ICSI)</b>	<b>Care of the Adult Patient with Cataract (American Optometric Association)</b>	<b>Cataract in the Adult Eye (American Academy of Ophthalmology)</b>	<b>Chronic Heart Failure (American Board of Family Practice)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	NO	NO	NO	X	X	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	NO	X	X	NO	NO	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	NO	NO	NO	X	X	NO
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	X	X	NO	X	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	NO	X	X	NO	NO	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	NO	NO	X	NO	X	NO
11b. Harms are quantified	NO	NO	X	X	X	NO
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	NO	X	X	NO	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	NO	X	X	NO	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
14. Costs are quantified	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	X	NO	NO	X	X	NO
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X	NO
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

and described						
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	NO	X	X	NO	X	X
23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO



### Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that Reference/Adapt the AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Congestive Heart Failure in Adults (ICSI)</b>	<b>Coronary Artery Disease (American Board of Family Practice)</b>	<b>Dementia, Clinical Practice Guideline (AMDA)</b>	<b>Dementia Identification and Assessment (US Dept of Veterans Affairs)</b>	<b>Depressive Disorders (American Board of Family Practice)</b>	<b>Diagnosis and Treatment of Otitis Media in Children (ICSI)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	NO	X	NO	X	X	NO
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	X	NO	NO	X	NO	X
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	NO	X	NO	X	NO	NO
11b. Harms are quantified	NO	X	NO	X	X	NO
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	X	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	X	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
14. Costs are quantified	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	NO	NO	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	NO	X	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	X	NO	NO	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

### Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that Reference/Adapt the AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Guidelines for the Evaluation &amp; Management of Chronic Heart Failure in the Adult (ACC/AHA)</b>	<b>Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Chronic Stable Angina (ACC/AHA/ACP-ASIM)</b>	<b>Health Supervision for Children with Sickle Cell Diseases (American Acad. of Pediatrics)</b>	<b>Heart Failure, Clinical Practice Guideline (AMDA)</b>	<b>Major Depression, Panic Disorder and Generalized Anxiety Disorder in Adults (ICSI)</b>	<b>The Management of Chronic Pain in Older Persons (American Geriatrics Society)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	NO	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	X
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	X	X	NO	NO	X	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	X	NO	NO	X	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
11b. Harms are quantified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	X
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	X
14. Costs are quantified	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	X	X	NO	X	X	NO
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	NO	X	X
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	X
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X

23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	X	X	NO	X	NO	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

### Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that Reference/Adapt the AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>The Management of Chronic Pain in Patients with Breast Cancer (Can Med Assoc J)</b>	<b>Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Alzheimer's Disease (APA)</b>	<b>Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Major Depression (APA)</b>	<b>Pressure Sores, Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery (ASPRS)</b>	<b>Pressure Ulcers, Clinical Practice Guideline (AMDA)</b>	<b>Prevention of Pressure Ulcers, Research-Based Protocol (University of Iowa)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	NO	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	X	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	X	X	NO	X	NO	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	X	X	NO	NO	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	X	X	NO	NO	NO
11b. Harms are quantified	X	X	NO	NO	NO	NO
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	NO	X	X	NO	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	NO	X	X	NO	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
14. Costs are quantified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	NO	NO	X	NO	X	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	NO	X
19. Formal methods of combining	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

evidence or expert opinion are used and described						
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	X	NO
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	X	X	X	X	X	NO
23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	X	X	X	NO	NO	NO
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	X	X	X	NO	NO	NO
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	X	X	X	NO	NO	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	X	NO	NO	NO

### Evaluation of Guidelines – Guidelines that Reference/Adapt the AHCPR Guidelines (cont'd)

<b>Guideline Appraisal Instrument Criteria</b>	<b>Prompted Voiding for Persons with Urinary Incontinence (University of Iowa)</b>	<b>Quality Improvement Guidelines for the Treatment of Acute Pain and Cancer Pain (APS)</b>	<b>Recommended Guidelines for Monitoring and Supervision of NC Phase II/III Cardiac Rehab Programs (Verrill et al.)</b>	<b>The Surgical Management of Female Stress Urinary Incontinence (AUA)</b>	<b>Treatment of Pressure Ulcers, Research-Based Protocol (University of Iowa)</b>	<b>Urinary Incontinence, Clinical Practice Guideline (AMDA)</b>
1. Purpose of the guideline is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Rationale and importance of the guideline are explained	X	X	X	X	NO	X
3. The participants in the guideline development process and their areas of expertise are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
3a. Are the participants multidisciplinary?	NO	X	NO	NO	NO	X
4. Targeted health problem or technology is clearly defined	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Targeted patient population is specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. The principal preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic options available to clinicians and patients are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. The method by which the guideline underwent external review is specified	NO	X	X	X	NO	NO
8. An expiration date or date of scheduled review is specified	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
9. Method for grading or classifying the scientific evidence is specified	X	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
10a. Benefits of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
10b. Harms of specific health practices are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
11a. Benefits are quantified	X	NO	X	X	NO	NO
11b. Harms are quantified	NO	NO	X	X	NO	NO
12. Recommendations are graded according to the strength of evidence	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
12a. Is there a definition for the strength of evidence they use?	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
13. The effect on health care costs from specific health practices is specified	X	NO	X	NO	NO	NO

14. Costs are quantified	X	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
15. The role of patient preferences is discussed	X	NO	NO	X	X	X
16. The health outcomes are specified	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Flexibility in the recommendations is specified	X	NO	X	X	X	X
18. The evidence used is identified by citation and referenced	X	X	X	X	X	NO
19. Formal methods of combining evidence or expert opinion are used and described	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO
20. Recommendations are specific and apply to the stated goals of the guideline	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. The role of value judgments used by the guideline developers in making recommendations is discussed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	X
22. Intended audience or users of the guideline are specified	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	X
23. Method of identifying evidence is specified	NO	X	NO	X	NO	NO
23a. Was there a systematic review of the evidence?	NO	X	NO	X	NO	NO
24. Time period from which evidence is reviewed is specified	NO	X	NO	X	NO	NO
25. Method of data extraction is specified	NO	NO	NO	X	NO	NO