AGREE II-Global Rating Scale (AGREE II-GRS) Instrument

Instructions

The AGREE II-GRS Instrument consists of 5 items assessing how well the guideline is reported. The AGREE II-GRS is a reasonable guideline assessment tool alternative to, AGREE II, especially when time and resources are limited.

Table 1: AGREE II-Global Rating Scale Item Descriptions provides information about the contents in each item category.

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Element	Description						
Process of Development	Rate the quality of the development process. Consider:						
Bevelopment	Were the appropriate stakeholders involved in the development of the guideline?						
	Was the evidentiary base developed systematically?						
	Were recommendations consistent with the literature? Was there consideration of alternatives, health benefits, harms, risks, and costs?						
Presentation Style	Rate the quality of the guideline presentation style. Consider:						
	Was the guideline well organized?						
	Were the recommendations easy to find?						
Completeness of Reporting	Rate the quality of reporting. Consider:						
	The transparency and reproducibility of the guideline development process.						
	The completeness of information to inform decision making.						
Clinical Validity	Rate the quality of the guideline recommendations. Consider:						
	Are the recommendations clinically sound?						
	Are the recommendations appropriate for the intended patients?						
Overall Quality	Rate the overall quality of the guideline. Consider:						
	Your response to the above four items.						

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lte	m	Description	Lowest Quality (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Highest Quality (7)
1.	Rate the overall quality of the guideline development methods	Consider: Were the appropriate stakeholders involved in the development of the guideline? Was the evidentiary base developed systematically? Were recommendations consistent with the literature?							
2.	Rate the overall quality of the guideline presentation	Consider: Was the guideline well organized? Were the recommendations easy to find?							
3.	Rate the completeness of reporting.	Consider: Was the guideline development process transparent and reproducible? How complete was the information to inform decision making?							
4.	Rate the overall quality of the guideline recommendations	Consider: Are the recommendations clinically sound? Are the recommendations appropriate for the intended patients?							
5.	5. Rate the overall quality of the guideline.								

General Questions: Overall Guideline Assessment

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Item	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Disagree Slightly (3)	Neither Agree or Disagree (4)	Agree Slightly (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly Agree (7)
I would recommend this guideline for use in practice.							
I would make use of a guideline of this quality in my professional decisions.							