

Appendix 3: AGREE II Score Sheet

Domain	Item		AGREE II Rating						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree
Scope and purpose	1	<i>The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.</i>							
	2	<i>The health question(s) covered by the guideline is (are) specifically described.</i>							
	3	<i>The population (patients, public, etc.) to whom the guideline is meant to apply is specifically described.</i>							
Stakeholder involvement	4	<i>The guideline development group includes individuals from all the relevant professional groups.</i>							
	5	<i>The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public, etc.) have been sought.</i>							
	6	<i>The target users of the guideline are clearly defined.</i>							
Rigor of development	7	<i>Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.</i>							
	8	<i>The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly described.</i>							
	9	<i>The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.</i>							
	10	<i>The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.</i>							
	11	<i>The health benefits, side effects and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations.</i>							
	12	<i>There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.</i>							

	13	<i>The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication.</i>								
	14	<i>A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.</i>								
Clarity of presentation	15	<i>The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.</i>								
	16	<i>The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.</i>								
	17	<i>Key recommendations are easily identifiable.</i>								
Applicability	18	<i>The guideline describes facilitators and barriers to its application.</i>								
	19	<i>The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice.</i>								
	20	<i>The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.</i>								
	21	<i>The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.</i>								
Editorial independence	22	<i>The views of the funding body have not influenced the content of the guideline.</i>								
	23	<i>Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.</i>								
Overall Guideline Assessment	1	<i>Rate the overall quality of this guideline.</i>	1							7
			Lowest possible quality	2	3	4	5	6		Highest possible quality
	2	<i>I would recommend this guideline for use.</i>	Yes	Yes, with modification					No	