iCAHE Guideline Quality Check List

Guideline: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Major Depressive Disorder, Third Edition (2010)

Guideline producer: American Psychiatric Association

Link: http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookid=28&sectionid=1667485 **(Html)**
          http://www.guideline.gov/content.aspx?id=24158 **(summary)**

Availability	Comments
Is the guideline readily available in full text?	Yes 1/(1)
Does the guideline provide a complete reference list?	Yes 1/(1)
Does the guideline provide a summary of its recommendations?	Yes 1/(1)
Dates	
Is there a date of completion available?	Yes *(may 2010)* 1/(1)
Does the guideline provide an anticipated review date	No 0/(1)
Does the guideline provide dates for when literature was included?	Yes *(from Jan '99- Dec '06)* 1/(1)
Underlying Evidence	
Does the guideline provide an outline of the strategy they used to find underlying evidence?	Yes 1/(1)
Does the guideline use a hierarchy to rank the quality of the underlying evidence?	No 0/(1)
Does the guideline appraise the quality of the evidence which underpins its recommendations?	No 0/(1)
Does the guideline link the hierarchy and quality of underlying evidence to each recommendation?	No 0/(1)
Guideline developers	
Are the developers of the guideline clearly stated?	Yes 1/(1)
Does the qualifications and expertise of the guideline developer(s) link with the purpose of the guideline and its end users?	No *(poorly stated)* 0/(1)
Guideline purpose and users	
Are the purpose and target users of the guideline stated?	Yes *(target users: physicians)* 1/(1)
Ease of use	
Is the guideline readable and easy to navigate?	Yes 1/(1)
Score	**TOTAL 9/14**