

iCAHE Guideline Clearinghouse

iCAHE Checklist Score Sheet

Guideline:

American College of Rheumatology 2012 Recommendations for the Use of Nonpharmacologic and Pharmacologic Therapies in Osteoarthritis of the Hand, Hip, and Knee (April 2012 [*Update of 2000 guidelines*])

Guideline Producer:

American College of Rheumatology

Link:

http://www.rheumatology.org/practice/clinical/guidelines/PDFs/ACR_OA_Guidelines_FINAL.pdf#toolbar=1

Score: 9/14

1. Availability

Is the guideline readily available in full text?	Yes
Does the guideline provide a complete reference list?	Yes
Does the guideline provide a summary of its recommendations?	Yes (in table form)

2. Dates

Is there a date of completion available?	No (specific date unclear)
Does the guideline provide an anticipated review date?	No
Does the guideline provide dates for when literature was included?	Yes

3. Underlying evidence

Does the guideline provide an outline of the strategy they used to find underlying evidence?	No (a link is supplied but 'not found' when searched)
Does the guideline use a hierarchy to rank the quality of the underlying evidence?	Yes (Types of studies discussed)
Does the guideline appraise the quality of the evidence which underpins its recommendations?	No (not clear)
Does the guideline link the hierarchy and quality of underlying evidence to each recommendation?	No (The use of the GRADE system is stated but quality appraisal and its link to recommendation is unclear)

4. Guideline developers

Are the developers of the guideline clearly stated?	Yes
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Does the qualifications and expertise of the guideline developer(s) link with the purpose of the guideline and its end users?	Yes
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5. Guideline purpose and users

Are the purpose and target users of the guideline stated?	Yes
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6. Ease of use

Is the guideline readable and easy to navigate?	Yes
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