

## iCAHE Guideline Quality Check List

**Guideline:** An evidence-based clinical guideline for the diagnosis and treatment of lumbar disc herniation with radiculopathy (2012)

**Guideline producer:** The North American Spine Society's (NASS)

**Link:** <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24239490> (summary of recommendations as published in the Spine journal)

<https://www.spine.org/Documents/ResearchClinicalCare/Guidelines/LumbarDiscHerniation.pdf> (full guideline)

Availability	Comments
Is the guideline readily available in full text?	(1)
Does the guideline provide a complete reference list?	(1)
Does the guideline provide a summary of its recommendations?	(1)
Dates	
Is there a date of completion available?	(0)
Does the guideline provide an anticipated review date	Every three years (1)
Does the guideline provide dates for when literature was included?	Up until July 2011 (1)
Underlying Evidence	
Does the guideline provide an outline of the strategy they used to find underlying evidence?	(1)
Does the guideline use a hierarchy to rank the quality of the underlying evidence?	(1)
Does the guideline appraise the quality of the evidence which underpins its recommendations?	(1)
Does the guideline link the hierarchy and quality of underlying evidence to each recommendation?	(1)
Guideline developers	
Are the developers of the guideline clearly stated?	(1)
Does the qualifications and expertise of the guideline developer(s) link with the purpose of the guideline and its end users?	(1)
Guideline purpose and users	
Are the purpose and target users of the guideline stated?	(1)
Ease of use	
Is the guideline readable and easy to navigate?	Good use of Appendices (1)
<b>Score</b>	<b>TOTAL 13/14</b>

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