

# Locating Clinical Guidelines on the World Wide Web

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# Presentation overview



- ⌘ Definitions - Clinical Guidelines, Practice Guidelines, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Recommendations, Criteria?
- ⌘ National Guideline Clearinghouse
- ⌘ Society and agency sites
- ⌘ MEDLINE strategies for locating guidelines in the medical literature
- ⌘ Other Web lists


# What are Practice Guidelines?



“Directions or principles presenting current or future rules of policy for the health care practitioner to assist him in patient care decisions regarding diagnosis, therapy, or related clinical circumstances. The guidelines may be developed by government agencies at any level, institutions, professional societies, governing boards, or by the convening of expert panels. The guidelines form a basis for the evaluation of all aspects of health care and delivery.”

(Medical Subject Headings, National Library of Medicine)

# What are Clinical Practice Guidelines?



As defined by the Institute of Medicine:

"Clinical practice guidelines are systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances."<sup>1</sup>

"These guidelines are not fixed protocols that must be followed, but are intended for health care professionals and providers to consider..."

- ⌘ 1. Institute of Medicine. (1990). Clinical Practice Guidelines: Directions for a New Program. M.J. Field and K.N. Lohr (eds.) Washington, DC: National Academy Press (page 39).

# National Guideline Clearinghouse



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## Compare Guidelines:

[Guideline Collection](#)  
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# National Guideline Clearinghouse

<http://www.guideline.gov/index.asp>

- ⌘ Comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents
- ⌘ Produced by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), in partnership with the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP)

# National Guideline Clearinghouse



- ⌘ Search engine

- ⌘ Detailed Search

  - ☑ allows for restriction by specific aspects of guidelines such as those with a formal cost analysis or clinical algorithm

- ⌘ Browse by Disease/Condition

- ⌘ Browse by Treatment/Intervention

- ⌘ Browse by Organization

# National Guideline Clearinghouse



- ⌘ Structured abstracts (summaries) about the guideline and its development
- ⌘ A utility for comparing attributes of two or more guidelines in a side-by-side comparison
- ⌘ Syntheses of guidelines covering similar topics, highlighting areas of similarity and difference

# NGC contd.

- ⌘ Links to full-text guidelines, where available, and/or ordering information for print copies
- ⌘ An electronic forum, NGC-L for exchanging information on clinical practice guidelines, their development, implementation and use
- ⌘ Annotated bibliographies on guideline development, methodology, implementation, and use

# National Guideline Clearinghouse Demo



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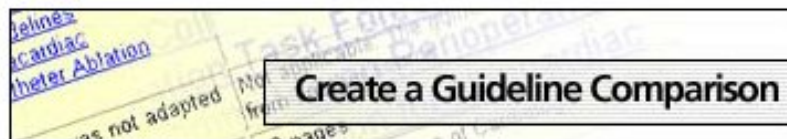
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# Association and Agency Sites

⌘ Not all guidelines or organizations are currently included on the NGC. Try direct connections EG:

⌘ CDC Recommendations:

[http://www2.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr\\_rr.html](http://www2.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_rr.html)

⌘ American Academy of Neurology

Practice Advisories, Practice Parameters, Therapeutic and Technology Assessments, Credentialing Guidelines, Ethics Statements and Other AAN Position Statements

<http://www.aan.com/public/practiceguidelines/list.htm>

# Sample Association/Agency Sites contd.



## ⌘ American Academy of Pediatrics

### ☑ Policy Statements

<http://www.aap.org/policy/pprgtoc.cfm>

### ☑ Clinical Guidelines

<http://www.aap.org/policy/paramtoc.html>

## ⌘ American College of Cardiology

<http://www.acc.org/clinical/guidelines/index.html>

# Sample Association/Agency Sites contd.

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## ⌘ American Diabetes Association

### ☑ Clinical Practice Recommendations

<http://www.diabetes.org/DiabetesCare/Supplement199/default.asp>

## ⌘ Canadian Medical Association - *CPG Infobase*

<http://www.cma.ca/cpgs/index.htm>

### ☑ Search engine

☑ Lists by category, title, titles by developer

☑ Recent additions

# American Diabetes Association & CPG Infobase Demo

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### News from ADA

Read about diabetes-related stories and official ADA news releases in [News from ADA](#). Here are a few of the latest headlines:

- [Civil Rights Agreement Reached In Loudoun County, Virginia; School Children with Diabetes Nationwide May Benefit \(11/09/99\)](#)
- [American Diabetes Association](#)

  
Announcing [Awakening the Spirit](#) - the New Program for Native Americans.

November is  
★ AMERICAN ★  
DIABETES MONTH

November is [American Diabetes Month](#). Learn What to Know, Head to Toe.

  
Join the [Cyber-Community Campaign for Diabetes](#) and help us find those people who have diabetes and don't know it.



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## CPG Infobase

Clinical Practice Guidelines at your fingertips

Welcome to the *CPG Infobase*. The clinical practice guidelines in this collection were produced or endorsed in Canada by a national, provincial or territorial medical or health organization, professional society, government agency or expert panel.

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### Clinical practice guidelines

- [Category list](#)
- [Title list](#)
- [Title list by developer](#)
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**Coming Soon!**  
New Search Interface!

**CPG Exhibits**

# Finding Guidelines in MEDLINE



⌘ Indexed in the “Publication Type” [PT] field (most accurate)

☑ Practice Guideline

☑ Guideline

⌘ MeSH Heading

Practice Guidelines

☑ Guidelines

☒ Used for articles on the form, value, use & creation of guidelines...

# Finding Guidelines in MEDLINE

## ⌘ SilverPlatter

☑ diabetes-mellitus/di and PT=PRACTICE-GUIDELINE

## ⌘ PubMed

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

☑ diabetes mellitus/di AND practice guideline[pt]

☑ or use the new "Limit" feature

☑ for VERY current info, search for keywords such as guideline\* OR recommendation\* OR criteri\*

☒ retrieves articles which have not yet been indexed

☑ some links to the fulltext version

# Finding Guidelines in specific journals



## ⌘ SilverPlatter

☑ Ann-Intern-Med and PT=PRACTICE-GUIDELINE

## ⌘ PubMed

☑ Annals of Internal Medicine[jour] AND  
(guideline\* OR recommendation\* OR criteri\*  
OR practice guideline[pt])

⌘ Or go straight to an online journal and use its internal search engine

# PubMed Demo

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

Entrez-PubMed - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Back Forward Reload Home Search Netscape Print Security Stop

Bookmarks Location: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov:80/entrez/query.fcgi?CMD=Limits&DB=PubMed> What's Related

NCBI National Library of Medicine PubMed

PubMed Nucleotide Protein Genome Structure PopSet

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- Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT must be in upper case
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Limited to:

All Fields

Practice Guideline Languages Subsets

Publication Types Human or Animal Gender

Clinical Trial

Editorial

Letter

Meta-Analysis

Practice Guideline

Randomized Controlled Trial

# Other Web Sites



## ⌘ Medscape

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/multispecialty/directories/dir-MULT.PracticeGuide.cfm>

## ⌘ Medical Matrix

[http://www.medmatrix.org/\\_SPages/Practice\\_Guidelines.asp](http://www.medmatrix.org/_SPages/Practice_Guidelines.asp)

## ⌘ MedWeb

<http://www.MedWeb.Emory.Edu/MedWeb/>

# Questions?

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