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P19 | Reporting Items for Practice Guidelines in Healthcare (RIGHT)

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Background: The reporting quality of practice guidelines is often poor. There is no widely accepted guidance and there are no standards for the reporting healthcare guidelines.

Objectives: To develop essential reporting items for guidelines in healthcare to ensure the comprehensive and transparent reporting of such guidelines.

Methods: Systematic reviews and Modified Delphi process are used to identify and select reporting items.

Results: An international working group (the RIGHT working group) has been set up. We will develop a checklist and a flow diagram for guideline developers, as well as an explanation and elaboration document. The checklist items pertain to the format and content of a guideline, including the title, executive summary, development process, recommendations, and conflicts of interest. The diagram will depict the flow of information through the different phases of a guideline. Our proposal is registered in the EQUATOR library: http://www.equator-network.org/library/reporting-guidelines-under-development/#24. Final results will be presented in GiN meeting.

Discussion: Next steps include development of a knowledge translation strategy, developing an explanatory document and evaluating the impact of the reporting guideline.

Implications for guideline developers/users: Clear, transparent, structured and sufficiently detailed guidelines are critical not only for guidelines developers but for users. Failure to report important information about methods, conflicts of interest, context, and rationale, may lead to difficulty evaluating, interpreting and implementing guidelines. We recommend that guideline developers and users support and endorse the standardization of guideline reporting.