

**CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES UNIT**

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<b>Guide</b>		<b>Comments</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Are the recommendations valid?</b>	
1	Did the recommendations consider all relevant patient groups, management options, and possible outcomes?	
2	Is there a systematic review linking options to outcomes for each relevant question?	
3	Is there an appropriate specification of values associated with each of the outcomes?	
4	Do the authors indicate the strength of their recommendations?	
<b>II</b>	<b>What are the results?</b>	
1	What are the key recommendations?	
<b>III</b>	<b>Will the results help you in caring for your patients?</b>	
1	Do the recommendations make sense in your practice setting?	