

## Guidelines International Network Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

<b>Title of the Guideline</b>	AAOS Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guideline on Management of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
<b>Name of the Developing Organisation</b>	American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
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<p><b><u>Composition of Guideline Development Group</u></b></p> <p>Guideline development panel includes diverse and relevant stakeholders, such as health professionals, methodologists, experts on a topic, and patients.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Somewhat</b></p>	<b>759</b>
<p><b><u>Decision-making Process</u></b></p> <p>Guideline describes the process used to reach consensus among the panel members and, if applicable, approval by the sponsoring organisation. This process was established before the start of guideline development.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<b>34</b>
<p><b><u>Conflicts of Interest (disclosure)</u></b></p> <p>Guideline includes disclosure of the financial and nonfinancial conflicts of interest for members of the guideline development group.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<b>775</b>
<p><b><u>Conflicts of Interest (resolution)</u></b></p> <p>Guideline describes how any identified conflicts were recorded and resolved.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<b>2</b>

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<p><b><u>Scope of a Guideline</u></b></p> <p>Guideline specifies its objective(s) and scope.</p>	<p>X YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO  <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	24
<p><b><u>Methods</u></b></p> <p>Guideline clearly describes the methods used for the guideline development in detail.</p>	<p>X YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO  <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	27
<p><b><u>Evidence Reviews</u></b></p> <p>Guideline uses systematic evidence review methods to identify and evaluate evidence related to the guideline topic.</p>	<p>X YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO  <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	30
<p><b><u>Guideline Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Guideline recommendation clearly stated and based on scientific evidence of benefits; harms; and, if possible, costs.</p>	<p>X YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO  <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	4
<p><b><u>Rating of Evidence</u></b></p> <p>Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the evidence.</p>	<p>X YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO  <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	30

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<b><u>Rating of Recommendations</u></b>		<b>32</b>
Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the strength of its recommendations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	
<b><u>Peer Review and Stakeholder Consultations</u></b>		<b>36</b>
Review by external stakeholders conducted before guideline publication.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	
<b><u>Guideline Expiration and Updating</u></b>		<b>37</b>
Guideline includes an expiry date and/or describes the process that the guideline groups will use to update recommendations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	
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