

Guidelines International Network Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

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Name of the Developing Organisation	American College of Physicians
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<p><u>Evidence Reviews</u></p> <p>Guideline uses systematic evidence review methods to identify and evaluate evidence related to the guideline topic.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat</p>	<p>See section, <i>Methods > Systematic Review of the Evidence</i></p> <p>See Appendix</p>
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Additional Comments

Methods paper: Qaseem A, Snow V, Owens DK, Shekelle P. The Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines and Guidance Statements of the American College of Physicians: Summary of Methods. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2010;153(3):194-9.