An Integrated Approach to Developing Health Care Guidelines
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- A collaboration of 60 medical groups & hospital systems representing >9,000 providers
- Sponsored by six health plans
- Established 1993
- The Upper Midwest’s leading health care collaborative
ICSI’s Scientific Documents

Designing systems of care:
• Health Care Guidelines
• Protocols
• Order Sets

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Components

- Flow Chart
- Annotations
- Aims and Measures
- Implementation
- Recommendations
- Graded Evidence
Potential Conflict of Interest

• Policy of transparency
• Requires disclosure of potential conflicts and competing interests
• Conflict of Interest Review Committee
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Work Group Meetings → Document Review → Member Review and Approval → Publish Document
Work Group Members

Recruited from member organizations:

- Work Group Leader - preferably MD
- Work group members selected based on focus of document
- Members may include primary care MD, specialist MD, nurse, pharmacist, radiologist, physical therapist, chaplain, social worker, dietician, public health, human factors expert, quality improvement staff.
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Key Challenges

• Integration into patient care delivery
• Ease of access for clinicians
• Integration into EMR’s
• Patient trust in evidence-based medicine
• Co-morbid conditions
• Frequency of revision
• Time
• Developing new evidence-based documents
Thank you.