

ICSI Endorsement Process

In an effort to enhance and expand on its guideline work, ICSI implemented a new process in 2014 to endorse guidelines developed by others. This enables members to request guidelines relevant to their practice that ICSI has not internally developed.

The endorsement process for reviewing external CPGs maintains the same quality standard, rigor, and value as those for developing ICSI's own guidelines. The process is transparent and collaborative, and grounded in rigor that reflects our guideline development history. ICSI will not endorse low quality evidence-based CPGs or guidelines that in any way reduce the current ICSI quality standard.

The following are some key points about the endorsement process:

- Guidelines must meet a number of requirements related to evidence quality, funding sources, conflicts of interest and more to qualify for consideration
- ICSI staff will perform an initial critical review of the guideline using methodology aligned with IOM standards, requirements of the NGC and ICSI's own rigorous standards
- The work group has three options: to recommend a full endorsement, endorse with supplement or not endorse
- Sign-off by the Committee for Evidence-Based Practice (CEBP) is required before the ICSI-Endorsed Guideline can be posted on ICSI's website.

Endorsement Updates

ICSI monitors for updates by external organizations to the documents that are endorsed. When an update occurs, the work group reviews the changes and decides whether to endorse, endorse with supplement, or not endorse. If an update is not made within a five year period by the authoring organization, ICSI will do outreach to the work group to establish next steps, which may include conducting a literature search and review to determine if the original document is no longer current.

More Information

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