

Proposed Guideline Selection Principles
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- I. Guideline Nomination process
 - Steering committee members and the guidelines review panel can recommend guidelines be reviewed within the following medical perspectives:
 - Primary Care
 - Pain Management Specialty
 - Occupational Medicine
 - Rheumatology
 - Substance Abuse/Mental Health
 - Guideline candidates will be reviewed using the following principles
- II. The **purpose, sponsorship, medical perspective, and target audience** of the guideline is defined
- III. The **Evidence Search** process is explicit, follows best practices and is transparent.
- IV. The **Evidence Selection** process is explicit, follows best practices and is transparent.
- V. The **Evidence Review** criteria evaluated applicability to Utah population, describes sampling and effect sizes, funding is made explicit, adverse effects or side effects are identified and actionable practice knowledge is derived.
- VI. The **Review Panel** membership is explicit, their affiliations are transparent, are diverse, relevant, and multidisciplinary, include a majority of practitioners, and include representatives from ethics, biostatistics/research methodology, and content experts, and conflict of interests are declared.
- VII. **Funding** of the guideline is explicit, conflicts of interest are declared, does not compromise rigor, evidence review or recommendations of the guidelines, and outcomes are not pre-prescribed.
- VIII. **Miscellaneous** – The search, selection, and review staff are qualified for the jobs, appropriate verification and validation steps have been taken, exclusionary criteria is explicit, evidence tables are available, readable, and understandable, peer reviewed (preferable), and content of the guideline includes when/how to start, when/how/where to get expert consultation, how/who to maintain over the long term, and exit strategies.