

Advances in the development of clinical practice guidance – Scoping review

What did HIQA review?

HIQA has published a scoping review on advances in the development of clinical practice guidance (CPG). The review will support the National Clinical Effectiveness Committee (NCEC) in considering updates to the current NCEC Standards for Clinical Practice Guidance.

Background

In 2014, the NCEC was requested by the Minister for Health to develop standards for CPG. These standards were published in 2015. Since then, there have been developments within the field. This review was carried out by HIQA's HRB-CICER function which independently reviews evidence and provides scientific support to the development of national clinical guidelines and the NCEC.

What did HIQA find?

The scoping review found that the NCEC's current standards for CPG remain relevant and appropriate for those developing evidence-based CPG. HIQA also identified three tools to assess the quality and or methodological robustness of clinical practice guidance and four other unique key innovations.

Innovations

Health equity

Expanding considerations for health equity throughout CPG development process, especially in relation to populations such as older adults, patients with multiple chronic conditions, and marginalised groups.

Tools for quality and robustness

- The RIGHT statement
- The RIGHT AD@PT reporting checklist
- The PANELVIEW tool

Unique innovations

- GRADE-ADOLOPMENT
- Living guidance
- Rapid guidance
- Technological innovations