

GUIDELINE & STANDARD ENDORSEMENT POLICY
C17 Standards & Guidelines Committee

The C17 Standards and Guidelines Committee will consider the endorsement of a guideline or standard that addresses a topic that is relevant to the mission of C17. That is, to improve health outcomes and quality of life for children and adolescents in Canada with cancer and blood disorders, and to eliminate disparities in care and outcomes wherever they occur.

Guidelines or standards that meet the criteria for C17 endorsement will be distributed to member institutions and a link will be posted on the C17 web-site. All endorsed guidelines will be reviewed by members of the C17 Standards & Guidelines Committee annually and will be externally reviewed every 3 years.

CRITERIA FOR C17 ENDORSEMENT

1. Guidelines or standards may be brought to the C17 Standards & Guideline Committee for consideration for endorsement by committee members or by staff of C17 institutions.
2. These guidelines or standards must address topics that are consistent with the mandate of C17 and fulfill an identified need of member institutions.
3. Ideally, guidelines which will be considered for C17 endorsement will meet AGREE criteria. However, guidelines will be considered for C17 endorsement if they include, at minimum, the literature search strategy and cite references in the text.
4. Each guideline under consideration for C17 endorsement will:
 - undergo assessment by C17 Standards & Guidelines Committee members using the AGREE tool;
 - undergo external review by 5 to 8 content reviewers, and
 - undergo review by one member of each C17 member institution and a member of relevant Canadian agencies, if pertinent.

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