

Si fa presto a dire linee guida

Stimando che le Linee Guida:

1. Migliorino la qualità delle cure ed gli esiti di salute
2. Contribuiscano a rendere più efficiente e tempestivo il trasferimento delle evidenze scientifiche in pratica clinica
3. Crescita culturale della comunità medico-scientifica

Noi professionisti ci chiediamo:

1. Quale la metodologia ?
2. Chi deciderà le discipline coinvolte ?
3. Quali priorità di argomenti ?
4. Quali gli interlocutori coinvolti ?

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Si fa presto a dire linee guida...



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Art. 5. Legge 24/2017

(Buone pratiche clinico-assistenziali e raccomandazioni previste dalle linee guida)

1. Gli esercenti le professioni sanitarie, nell'esecuzione delle prestazioni sanitarie con finalità preventive, diagnostiche, terapeutiche, palliative, riabilitative e di medicina legale, **si attengono**, salve le specificità del caso concreto, alle raccomandazioni previste dalle linee guida pubblicate ai sensi del comma 3 ed elaborate da enti e istituzioni pubblici e privati nonché dalle società scientifiche e dalle associazioni tecnico- scientifiche delle professioni sanitarie iscritte in apposito elenco istituito e regolamentato con decreto del Ministro della salute.....

3. Le linee guida e gli aggiornamenti delle stesse elaborati dai soggetti di cui al comma 1 sono integrati nel **Sistema nazionale per le linee guida (SNLG)**,**L'Istituto superiore di sanità** pubblica nel proprio sito *internet* le linee guida e gli aggiornamenti delle stesse indicati dal SNLG, previa **verifica della conformità della metodologia adottata a standard definiti e resi pubblici** dallo stesso Istituto, nonché della **rilevanza delle evidenze scientifiche** dichiarate a supporto delle raccomandazioni. In mancanza delle suddette raccomandazioni, gli esercenti le professioni sanitarie si attengono alle **buone pratiche clinico assistenziali**.

the committee believes are defining characteristics. The new definition is as follows: **Clinical practice guidelines are statements that include recommendations intended to optimize patient care that are informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and harms of alternative care options.**

To be *trustworthy*, guidelines should



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Guidelines, not tramlines

GUIDELINES ARE A CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE TO THE reality that the practicing physician requires assistance to assimilate and apply the exponentially expanding, often contradictory, body of medical knowledge. Guidelines are widely perceived as evidence based, not authority based, and therefore as unbiased and valid. Because they are sponsored by organizations, staffed by experts, and conducted according to apparently formal processes, the products of the exercise—the guidelines—are generally assumed to have the same level of certainty and security as conclusions generated by the conventional scientific method. For many clinicians, guidelines have become the final arbiters of care.

Situazione

Stato dell' arte nella produzione di LG

Consensus based
guidelines

consensus



(Strength of)
recommendation

Quality of
evidence



The Rational Clinical Examination

Evidence-Based Medicine

A New Approach to Teaching the Practice of Medicine

Evidence-Based Medicine Working Group

«all medical action of diagnosis, prognosis and therapy should rely on solid quantitative evidence based on the best of clinical epidemiological research»

Certainty
(Level of evidence)

Strength
of recommendations



Graded recommendations

Low quality of early guidelines

	1988-91 (n=48)	1992-93 (n=81)	1994-95 (n=125)	1996-98 (n=177)	p for trend
Full description of professionals	6 (12%)	9 (11%)	11 (9%)	27 (15%)	0.99
Search undertaken	1 (2%)	4 (5%)	14 (11%)	32 (18%)	<0.001
Grading of recommendation	3 (6%)	5 (6%)	21 (17%)	48 (27%)	<0.001

Table 2: Number of guidelines that met the three quality criteria according to year of publication

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Failure of Clinical Practice Guidelines to Meet Institute of Medicine Standards

Two More Decades of Little, If Any, Progress

Justin Kung, MD; Ram R. Miller, MD; Philip A. Mackowiak, MD

Table 1. Frequency of Adherence to Institute of Medicine Standards by Organization Type and Subspecialty Area

Organization Type (No. of Guidelines)	Standards Met, Median	Guidelines Meeting >50% of Standards, No. (%)
All (114)	8 (44.0)	56 (49.1)
United States (68)	8 (44.0)	34 (50.0)
Non-US (46)	9 (50.0)	22 (47.8)
US government agency (15)	9 (50.0)	10 (66.7)
Subspecialty societies (41)	8 (44.0) ^a	16 (39.0) ^b
Subspecialty area		
Infectious diseases (21)	9 (50.0)	11 (52.4)
Oncology (17)	9.5 (52.8)	9 (52.9)
OB/GYN (12)	8 (44.0)	3 (25.0)
All other (64)	8 (44.0)	36 (56.2) ^c

Abbreviation: OB/GYN, obstetrics/gynecology.

^a*P* = .34 by Mann-Whitney test compared with all other organization types.

^b*P* = .11 by Fisher exact test compared with all other organization types.

^c*P* = .40 by χ^2 test across all subspecialty areas.

Cause principali

Metodi opachi

Cattiva gestione del conflitto di interessi

Scarsa rappresentatività dei panel di esperti

Major stroke guidelines and recommendations for alteplase at 3-4.5 hours after stroke onset

*Guidelines presenting **strong recommendation for** (“is recommended” or highest recommendation rating)*

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (Class I; Level of evidence B)⁵

Canadian Stroke Network and Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (Evidence level A)⁶

Chinese Stroke Therapy Expert Panel for Intravenous Recombinant Tissue Plasminogen Activator (Level 1 recommendation, Level A evidence)⁷

European Stroke Organisation (Class I, Level A)⁸

Haute Autorité de Santé (Professional agreement)⁹

Japan Stroke Society (level of evidence Ia; grade of recommendation A)¹⁰

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (“is recommended”)¹¹

National Stroke Foundation (Australia) (Grade A)¹²

South African Stroke Society (Class I, Level A)¹³

*Guidelines presenting **weak recommendation for** (lower recommendation rating)*

American College of Chest Physicians (Grade 2C)¹⁴

American College of Emergency Physicians/American Academy of Neurology (Level B recommendation), currently being reconsidered

by American College of Emergency Physicians¹⁵

American College of Emergency Physicians (draft guideline in process) (Level B recommendation)¹⁶

*Guidelines presenting **weak recommendation against***

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (draft guideline in process) (Weak recommendation, moderate quality evidence)¹⁷

*Statements that t-PA is **controversial at all timeframes** and should not be considered standard of care*

American Academy of Emergency Medicine¹⁸

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine¹⁹

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (currently posted policy)²⁰

New Zealand Faculty of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine²¹

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<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.h1075>

(Published 17 March 2015)



KEY OPINION LEADERS

Independent experts or drug representatives in disguise?

Ray Moynihan examines the role of the influential experts paid by industry to help “educate” the profession and the public

Key opinion leaders—what fees can they command?

Single lecture or scientific speech \$3000
(source: Marketwire)

Hourly rate for influential physicians offering advice—up to \$400
(source: Cutting Edge Information)

Work for drug companies on clinical trials—More than £200 an hour
(source: BMA)

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Many key opinion leaders participate of guideline panel groups (or chair them)

- **87%** of guideline authors have some form of interaction with pharmaceutical industry
- **59%** of authors had relationships with companies whose drugs were considered in the guideline they authored

Choudry et Al
JAMA 2002; 287: 612-617



A survey of guideline developers found that only 29% always involve consumers and 39% involve consumers only if necessary

Evidence-informed health policy 2 - survey of organizations that support the use of research evidence.

Lavis JN, Implement Sci. 2008; 3:54



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Multimorbidity: clinical assessment and management

NICE guideline

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nice.org.uk/guidance/ng56

ANALYSIS

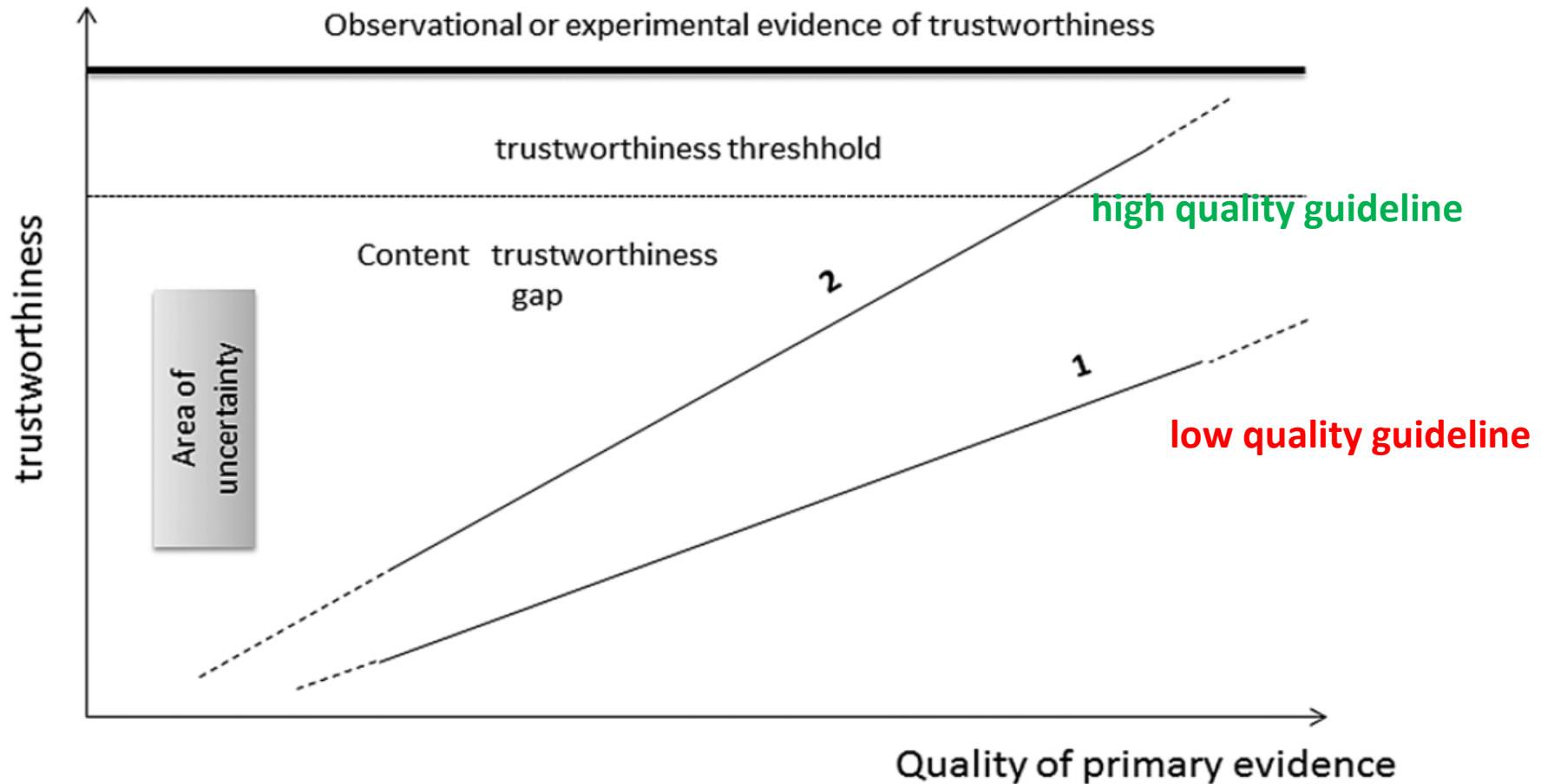
Better management of patients with multimorbidity

Martin Roland and **Charlotte Paddison** call for greater emphasis on continuity of care and clinical judgment to improve the experience of patients with multiple conditions

Wrong guidelines: why and how often they occur

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Credibilità delle LG: cosa significa ?



Wrong guidelines: why and how often they occur

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Overall, a conservative estimate is that 50% of current evidence-based guidelines suffer from either methodological flaws, have questionable content with respect to the primary evidence to which they refer to or documented outcomes diverging from those expected. On average, guidelines sponsored by medical specialty societies were and still continue to be of lower quality compared with those endorsed by national health agencies.

What is evidence?

A collection of facts that ground one's belief that something is true, (Institute of Medicine)

The elusive nature of «evidence»

Principio di causalità, INUS (Mackie)

le LG richiedono **capacità tecniche** (saper raccogliere le prove), **giudizi di valore** (sulla loro qualità) e **abilità sociali** (nella gestione dei **processi deliberativi** fra i membri dei panel di esperti) [*Burgers, Diabetes Care 2002*]

W Avoidable waste in the production and reporting of research evidence

Lancet 2009; 374: 86–89

Iain Chalmers, Paul Glasziou

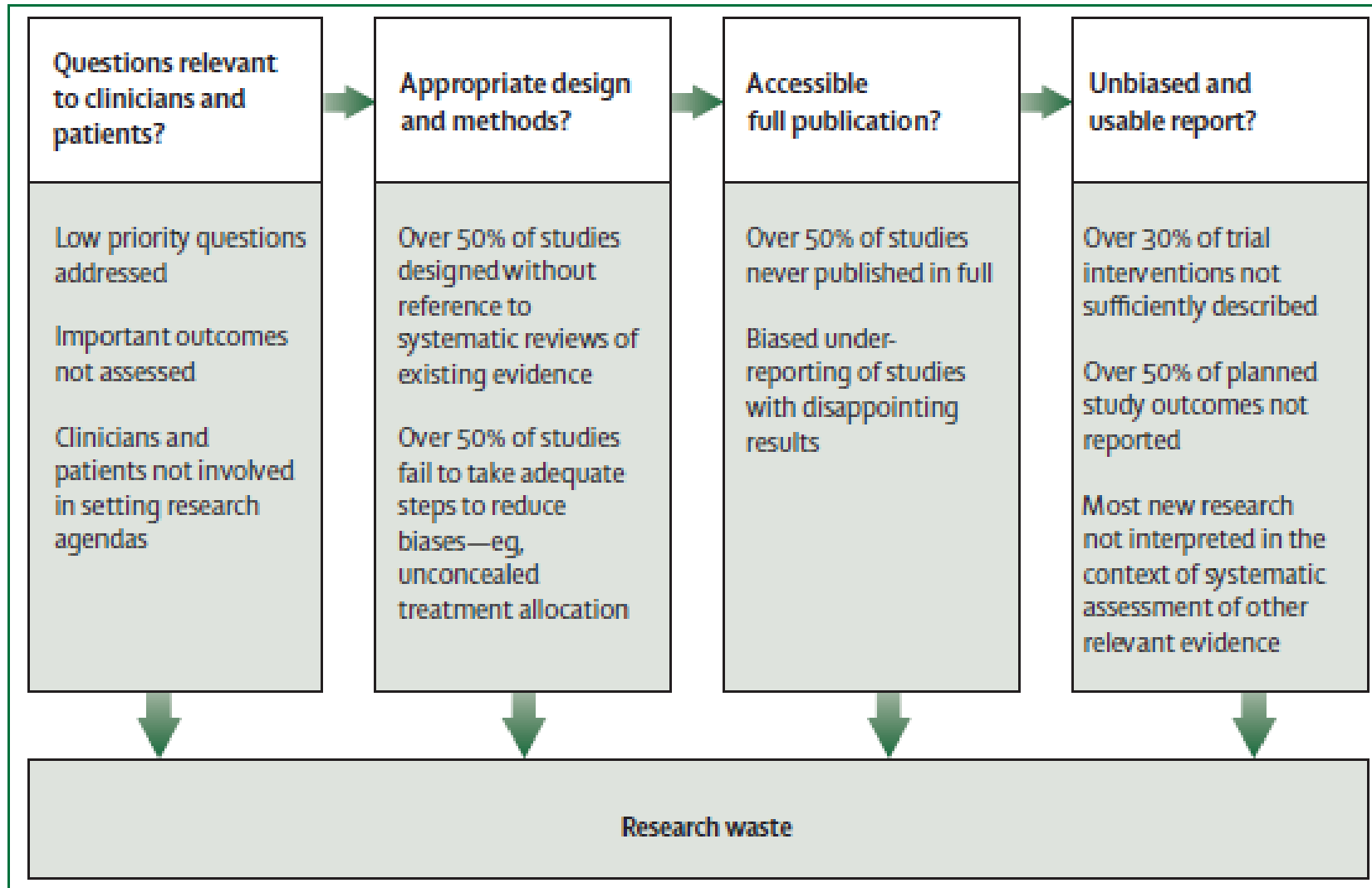
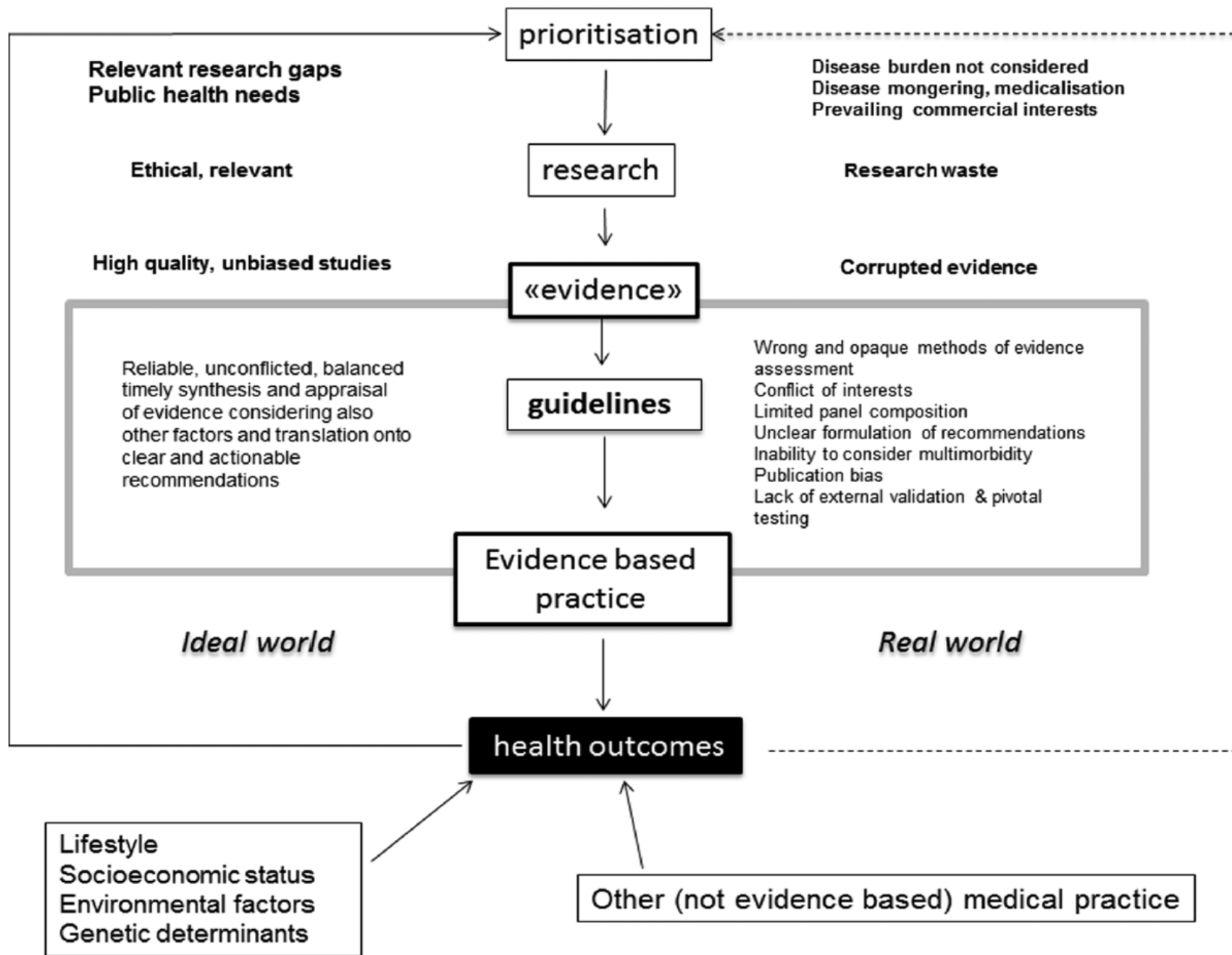


Figure: Stages of waste in the production and reporting of research evidence relevant to clinicians and patients



Corruption of the Evidence as Threat and Opportunity for Evidence-Based Medicine

*Victor M. Montori, MD, MSc
and Gordon H. Guyatt, MD, MSc*

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Why the drug development pipeline is not delivering better medicines

Despite the large number of new medicines entering the market every year, few offer important clinical advantages for patients. **Huseyin Naci**, **Alexander Carter**, and **Elias Mossialos** explain the reasons for this innovation deficit and offer some solutions

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EDITOR'S CHOICE

What is health?

Fiona Godlee *editor, BMJ*

Why should we be interested in defining health? Because if health is the goal of healthcare and research, we need to know what it looks like and how to measure it. As these articles explain, the currently accepted definition, formulated by WHO in 1948, is no longer helpful and is even counterproductive. Its emphasis on “complete physical, mental and social wellbeing” was radical in its day for stepping away from defining health as the absence of disease. But it is absolute and therefore unachievable for most people in the world. As Richard Smith, one of the authors of this week’s article, pointed out in a *BMJ*

The WHO definition is also unworkable for other reasons, the authors say. In the face of an ageing global population with an increasing burden of chronic disease, it “minimises the role of the human capacity to cope autonomously with life’s ever changing physical, emotional, and social challenges and to

Esistono metodi infallibili per produrre LG ?

Sometimes trials are unethical or impossible yet some treatments are quite effective

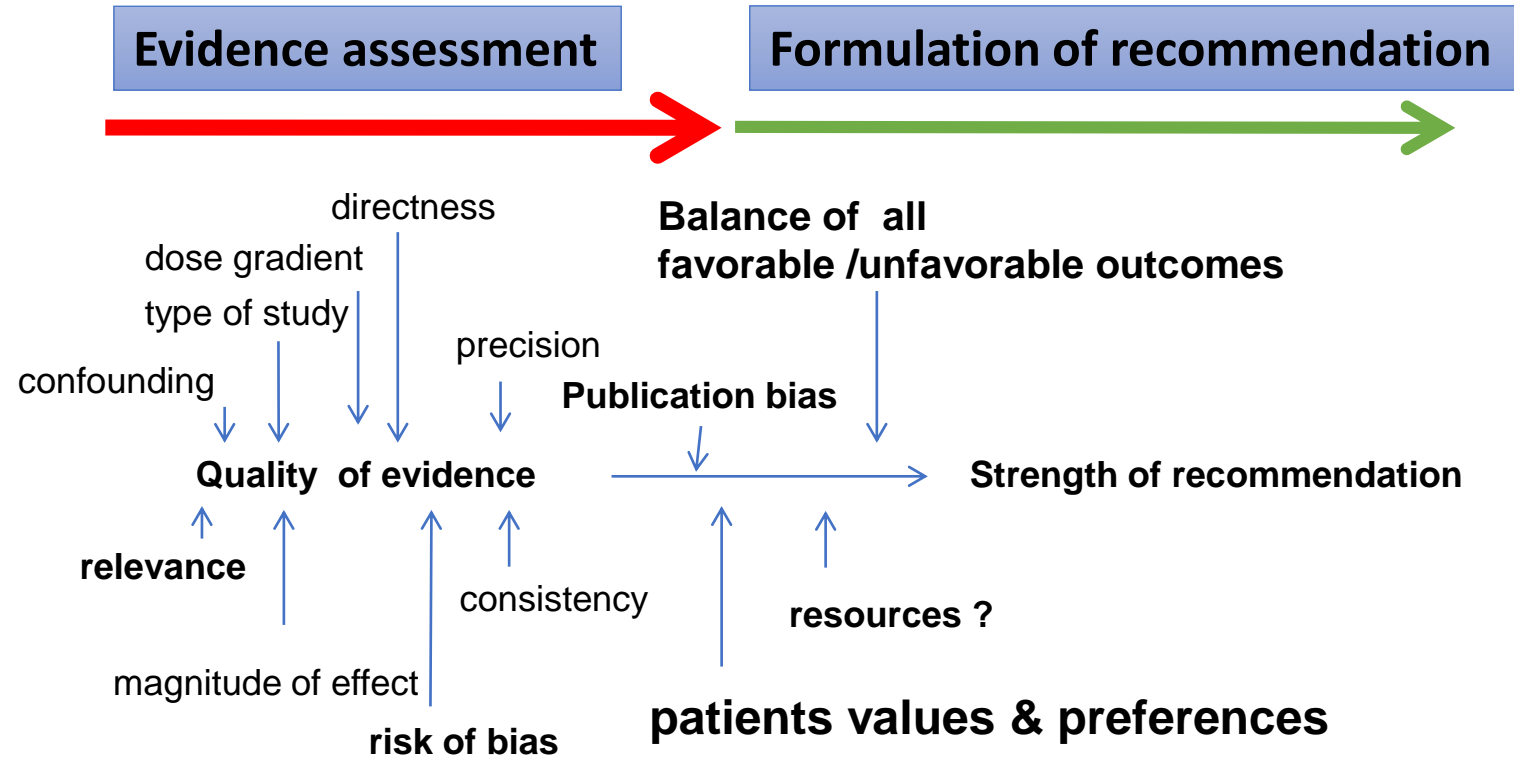
BMJ 2003;327:1459-61



HULTONGETTY

Parachutes reduce the risk of injury after gravitational challenge, but their effectiveness has not been proved with randomised controlled trials

Going from evidence to recommendations is a long and risky journey

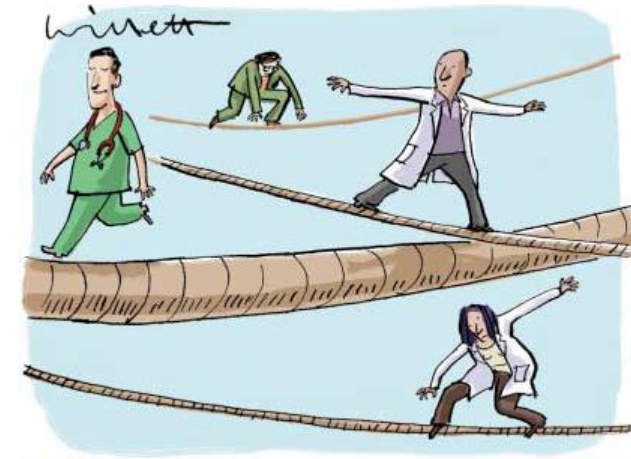


Grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations

Grades of Recommendation, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) Working Group

Clinical guidelines are only as good as the evidence and judgments they are based on. The GRADE approach aims to make it easier for users to assess the judgments behind recommendations

BMJ 2004;328:1490-4



Quality of evidence

For a Systematic review-meta-analysis: **the extent of our confidence that the estimates of the effect are correct.**

GRADE : the extent of our confidence that the estimates of an effect are adequate to support a particular decision or recommendation.

GRADE terminology

Strength of recommendation:

the extent to which one can be confident that adherence to the recommendation will do more good than harm.

Determinants of strength of recommendation

Factor	Comment
Balance between desirable and undesirable effects	The larger the difference between the desirable and undesirable effects, the higher the likelihood that a strong recommendation is warranted. The narrower the gradient, the higher the likelihood that a weak recommendation is warranted
Quality of evidence	The higher the quality of evidence, the higher the likelihood that a strong recommendation is warranted
Values and preferences	The more values and preferences vary, or the greater the uncertainty in values and preferences, the higher the likelihood that a weak recommendation is warranted
Costs (resource allocation)	The higher the costs of an intervention—that is, the greater the resources consumed—the lower the likelihood that a strong recommendation is warranted

Synthesis of GRADE approach

G. Guyatt et al. / Journal of Clinical Epidemiology 64 (2011) 383–394

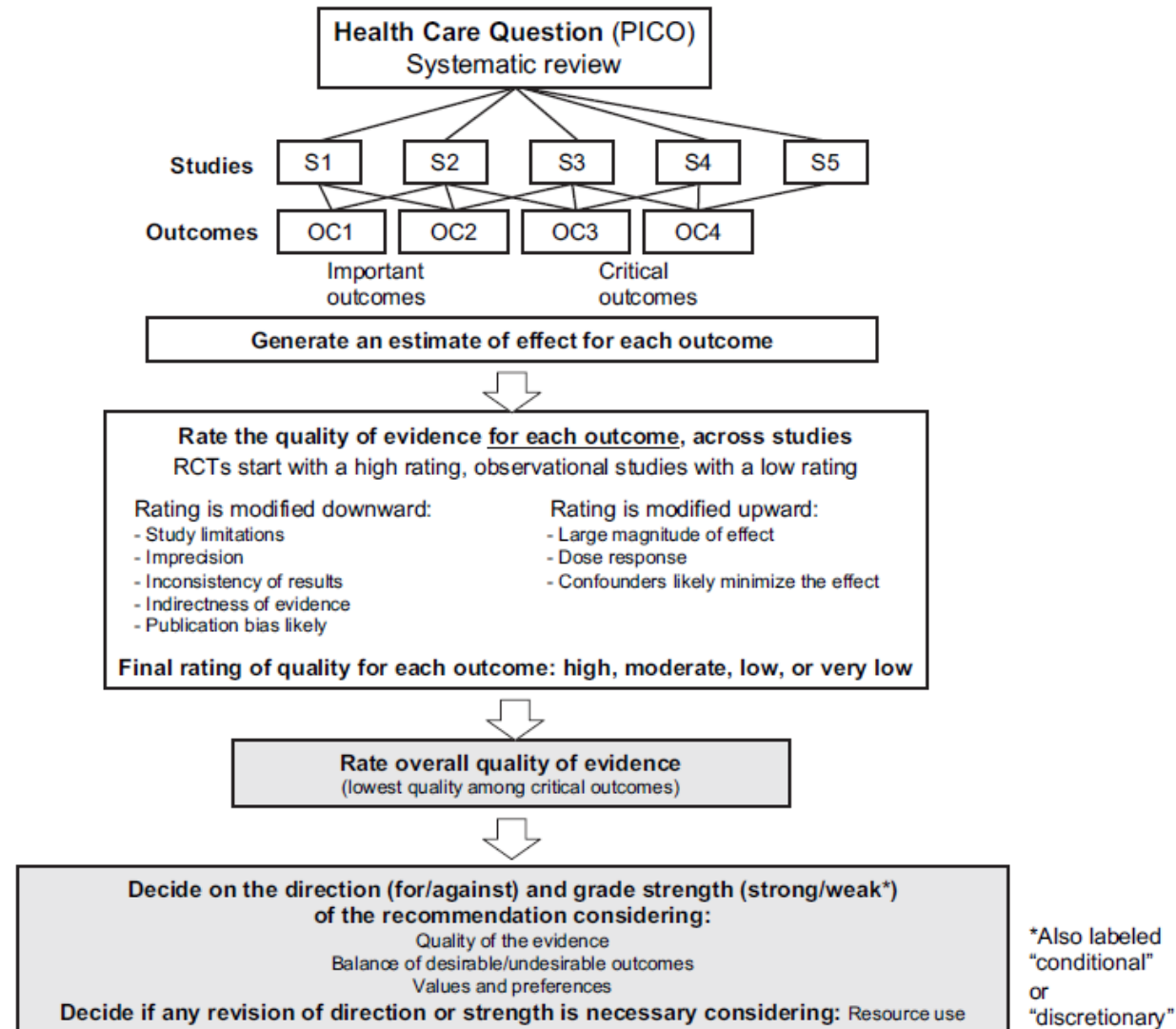


Fig. 1. Schematic view of GRADE's process for developing recommendations. *Abbreviation:* RCT, randomized controlled trials.

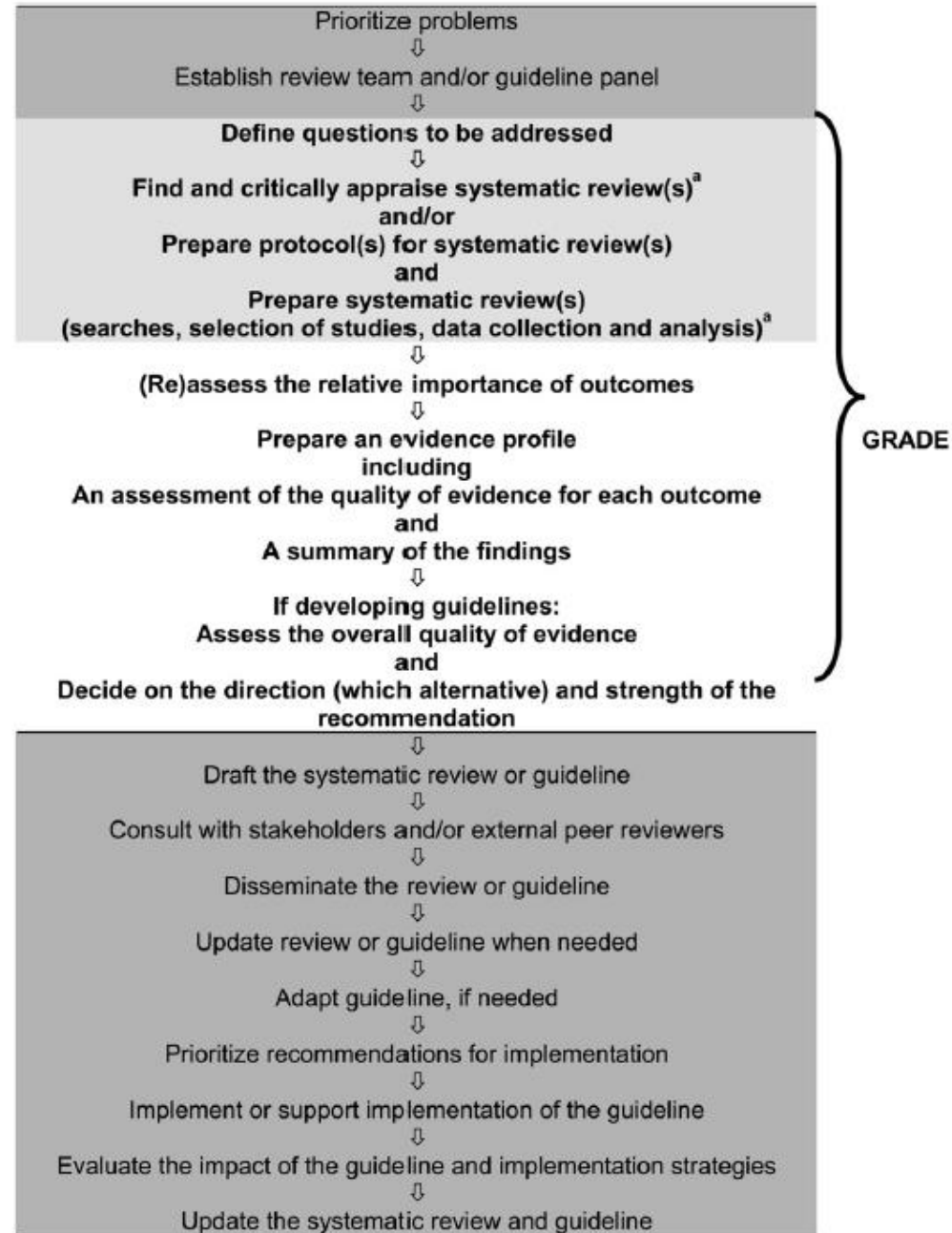
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Basta il GRADE per fare una buona LG ?



Situazione italiana

EvidenceLive



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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Risultati 3: campione di linee guida valutate

75 LG prodotte nel 2015-2016

Società Scientifica	N° LG	%
C	33	44%
Multisocietarie	22	29%
H	9	12%
K	2	3%
A,B,D,E,F,G,I,J,L	9	12%

Risultati 4: aderenza standard G-I-N 1

Item	Sì
3. Conflitti di interesse	17%
1. Composizione del gruppo di sviluppo della linea guida	63%
11. Finanziamenti e sponsor	64%
2. Processo decisionale	65%
6. Revisione delle evidenze	67%
10. Validità e aggiornamento della linee guida	67%
5. Metodi	71%
9. Peer review e consultazione degli stakeholders	72%
8. Rating delle evidenze e delle raccomandazioni	81%
7. Raccomandazioni della linea guida	95%
4. Ambito della linea guida	100%

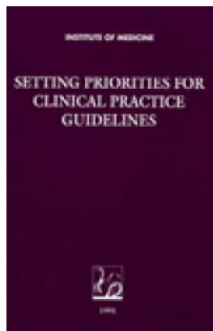
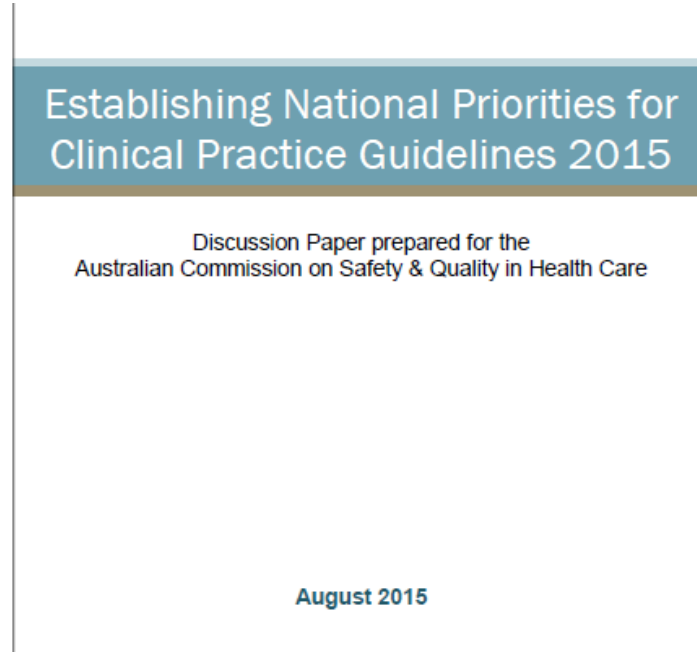
LG censite dal National Guideline
Clearinghouse a Agosto 2017

- NICE: 262
- LG Italiane: 2

SNLG

Alcuni punti fermi

1. Stabilire le priorità del SNLG



Setting Priorities for Clinical Practice Guidelines

Marilyn J. Field, Editor; Committee on Methods for Setting Priorities for Guidelines Development, Institute of Medicine

ISBN: 0-309-58797-2, 176 pages, 6 x 9, (1995)

This PDF is available from the National Academies Press at: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/4959.html>



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ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Priority-based initiative for updating existing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines: the results of two iterations

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Review

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Improving the use of research evidence in guideline development: 2. Priority setting

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Criteri di prioritizzazione delle tematiche di salute che dovrebbero essere oggetto di LG

- Entità dell'impatto globale delle patologie (*disease burden*) sulla popolazione italiana e sul Servizio Sanitario nazionale misurato attraverso criteri oggettivi (prevalenza, mortalità, DALY e costi)
- Variabilità delle pratiche professionali in Italia non giustificate dalle evidenze disponibili
- Diseguaglianze di processi ed esiti assistenziali
- Disponibilità di evidenze di alta qualità
- Costi elevati per il SSN di pratiche sanitarie ad alto impatto organizzativo o tecnologico
- Rischio clinico elevato
- Istanze sociali e bisogni percepiti dalla popolazione.

2. Standard di riferimento metodologici

APPRAISAL OF GUIDELINES
FOR RESEARCH & EVALUATION



GRADE

G-I-N Public Toolkit:
Patient and Public
Involvement in Guidelines.

**CLINICAL PRACTICE
GUIDELINES
WE CAN TRUST**

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

3. Gestire efficacemente i conflitti di interesse

Table 2| Reported financial conflicts of interest (COI) among panel members by category of guideline sponsor

Characteristic of guideline	All guidelines				Guidelines with declared COI			
	No of guidelines	No of panel members	No (%) panel members with COI	P value	No of guidelines	No of panel members	No (%) panel members with COI	P value*
Diabetes	7	189	106 (56)	0.06	5	150	105 (70)	0.52
Hyperlipidaemia	7	99	44 (44)		4	61	40 (66)	
Government	6	92	→ 15 (16)	<0.001	2	24	11 (46)	0.01
Other*	8	196	→ 135 (69)		7	187	134 (72)	
US specialty†	4	53	31 (58)	<0.001	3	44	30 (68)	0.04
Canadian specialty	2	116	→ 96 (83)		2	116	96 (83)	

*All non-government sponsored guidelines included in this category.

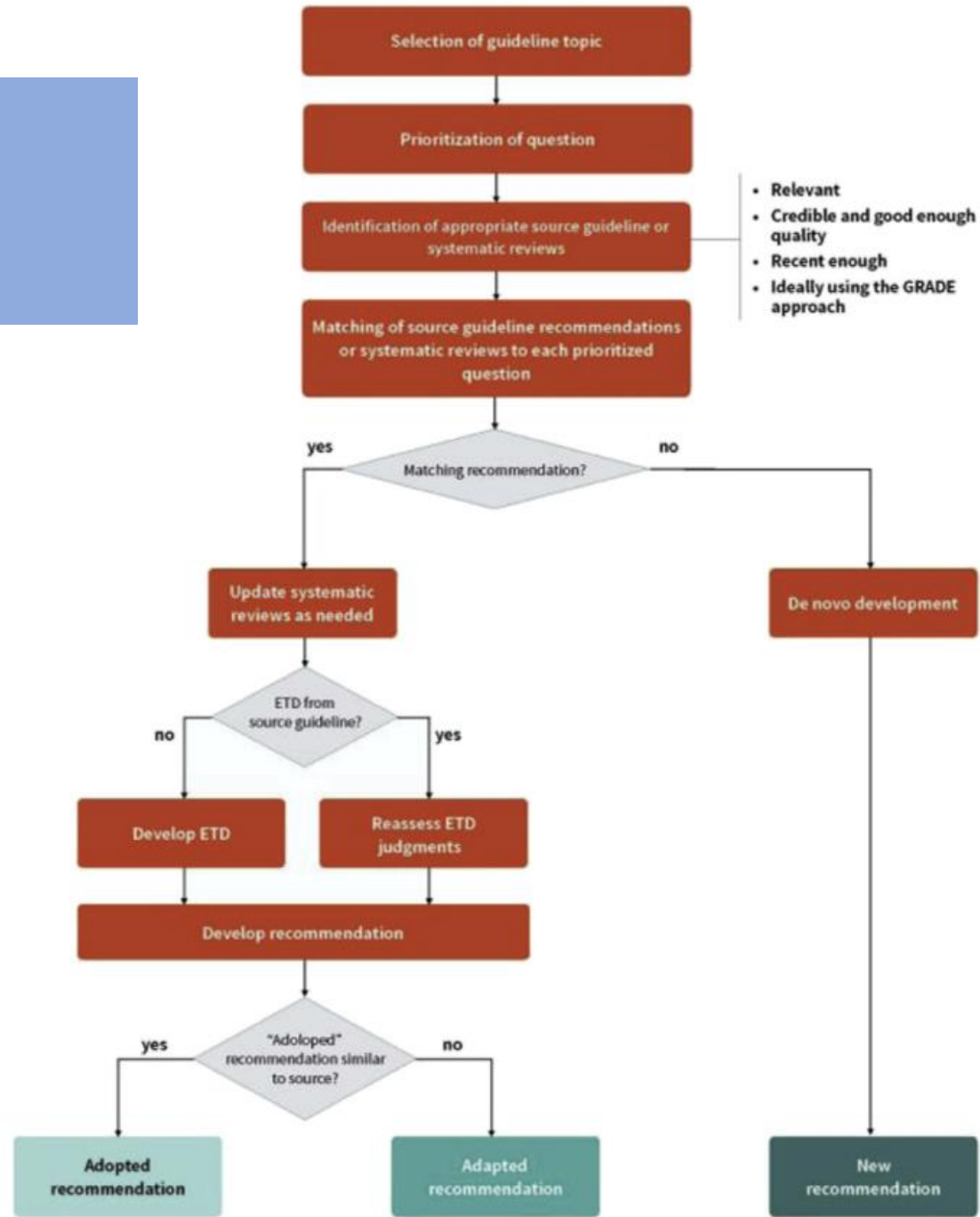
†Includes organisations designated as “medical specialty” or “professional associations” on National Guidelines Clearinghouse website.

Conflicts of interest (COI) is still a pervasive flaw of many guidelines

4. Considerare i tempi (e costi) di produzione di una LG

18-24 months (average time of a full GL de-novo production)

**Adattamento
vs
sviluppo ex novo
di LG**



5. Destinatari e finalità delle LG

GRADE Evidence to Decision (EtD) frameworks: a systematic and transparent approach to making well informed healthcare choices. 1: Introduction

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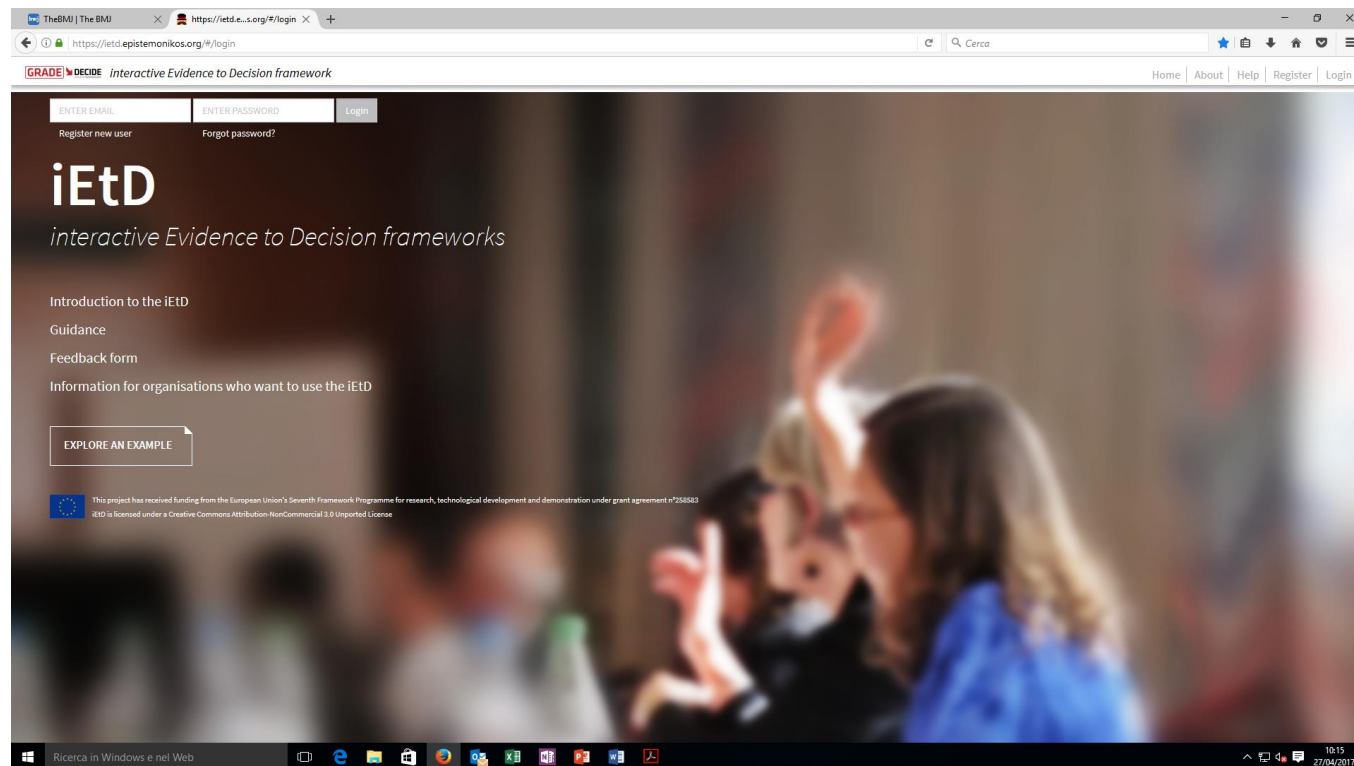
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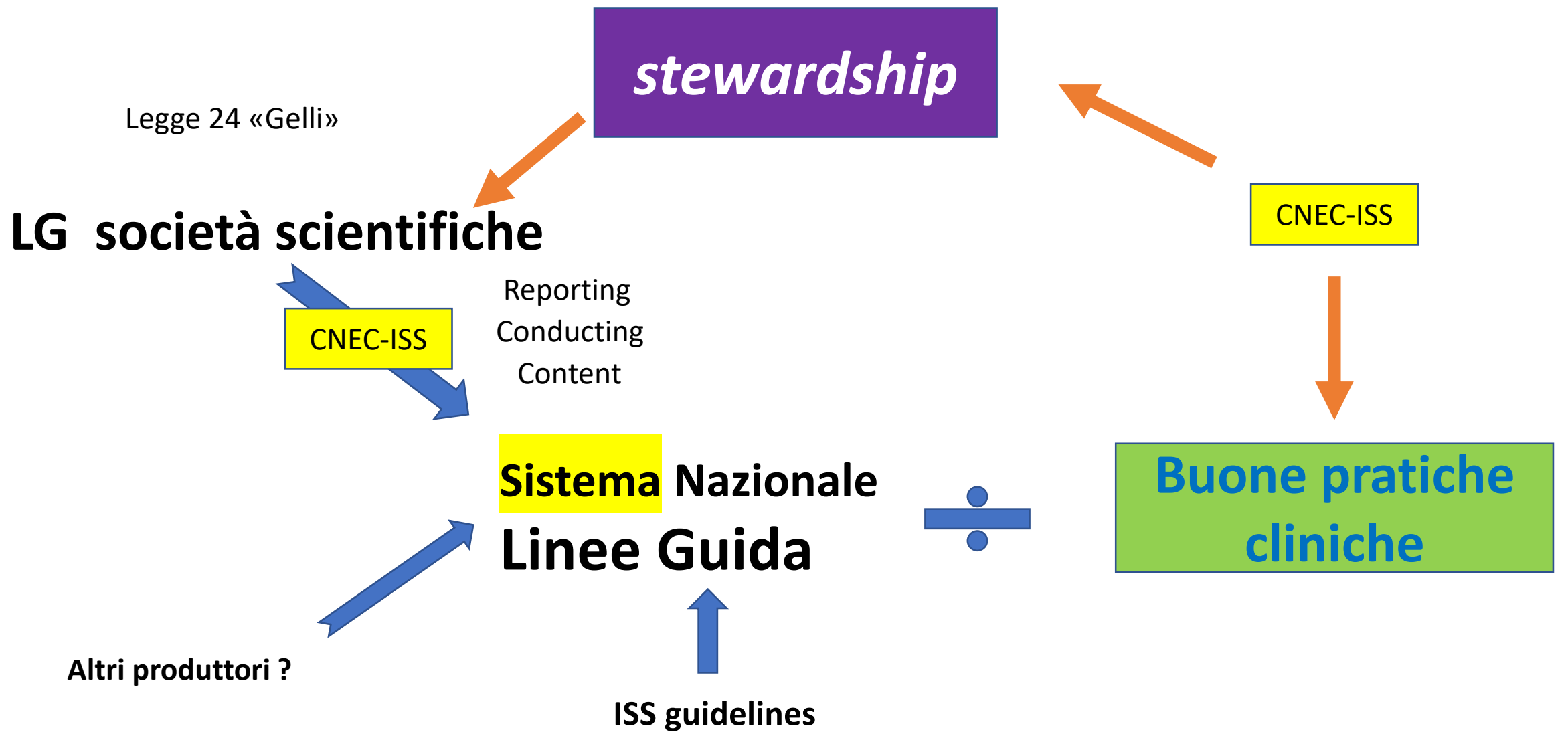
Table 1 | Criteria for EtD frameworks for five different types of decisions

	Clinical recommendations-- individual perspective	Clinical recommendations-- population perspective	Coverage decisions	Health system and public health recommendations/decisions	Diagnostic, screening, and other tests*
Priority of the problem			Is the problem a priority?		
Test accuracy		Not applicable			How accurate is the test?
Benefits and harms			How substantial are the desirable anticipated effects?		
			How substantial are the undesirable anticipated effects?		
Certainty of the evidence		What is the overall certainty of the evidence of effects?			What is the certainty of the evidence of: - Test accuracy? - Any critical or important direct benefits, adverse effects, or burden of the test? - Effects of the management that is guided by the test results? - Link between test results and management decisions? - Effects of the test?
Outcome importance		Is there important uncertainty about or variability in how much people value the main outcomes?			Is there important uncertainty about or variability in how much people value the main outcomes, including adverse effects and burden of the test and downstream outcomes of clinical management that is guided by the test results?
Balance		Does the balance between desirable and undesirable effects favour the intervention or the comparison?			Does the balance between desirable and undesirable effects favour the test or the comparison?
Resource use	—		How large are the resource requirements (costs)?		
	—		What is the certainty of the evidence of resource requirements (costs)?		
	Does the cost effectiveness of the intervention (the out-of-pocket cost relative to the net benefits) favour the intervention or the comparison?	Does the cost effectiveness of the intervention favour the intervention or the comparison?	Does the cost effectiveness of the option favour the option or the comparison?	Does the cost effectiveness of the test favour the test or the comparison?	
Equity	—		What would be the impact on health equity?		
Acceptability	Is the intervention acceptable to patients, their care givers, and healthcare providers?	Is the intervention acceptable to key stakeholders?	Is the option acceptable to key stakeholders?	Is the test acceptable to key stakeholders?	
Feasibility	Is the intervention feasible for patients, their care givers, and healthcare providers?	Is the intervention feasible to implement?	Is the option feasible to implement?	Is the test feasible to implement?	

*Tests cover clinical and public health recommendations at individual and population perspectives.



Health policy & public health
guidelines
Coverage decisions



ISS guidelines

GRADE method

Developer, expert panel, evidence review panel

Accurato scoping

Definizione ruolo stakeholders rigoroso e distinto

Openness but firmness

Effective conflict of interests management

Multiprofessionality

Audit e PDTA «incorporati»

6. Buone pratiche cliniche

La Legge n.24/2017 afferma che quando le linee guida (in SNLG) non sono disponibili, gli operatori sanitari dovrebbero fare riferimento a "**buone pratiche cliniche**".

È ragionevole che tali buone pratiche cliniche debbano essere selezionate anche dall'ISS e raccolte nel sito web dell'SNLG.

È probabile che, almeno all'inizio, la maggior parte delle indicazioni per gli operatori sanitari derivino da esse.

In questo ambito potranno ricadere : **bad** e **low values practices** (*Choosing Wisely*, per esempio), **do not do list** del NICE, **LG di alta qualità metodologica non (ancora) adattate e/o tradotte in lingua italiana**, nonché **position statements** di organismi di salute pubblica internazionali, società scientifiche e raccomandazioni di Agenzie Internazionali.

Come per le LG pubblicate nell'SNLG, la non ridondanza e la coerenza interna saranno qualità essenziali di questo elenco.

Decalogo nuovo SNLG

- **Definizione delle priorità.**
- **Stewardship**
- **Trasparenza**
- **Linee guida patient oriented**
- **Offerta di indicatori e schemi di percorsi clinici**
- **Nuovi standard metodologici di riferimento per gli sviluppatori.**
- **Produzione diretta di alcune LG da parte dell'ISS**
- **Buone pratiche clinico assistenziali**
- **Istruzioni per l'uso.**
- **Aggiornamento costante**

Opportunità

- **Sistema nazionale** di linee guida di riferimento credibili, autorevoli, rilevanti per la pratica socio-clinico-assistenziale a livello individuale, di popolazione, sanità pubblica, health policy, decisioni di coverage
- Miglioramento della qualità delle cure e, possibilmente, degli esiti assistenziali (**high value care**)
- maggiore diffusione della cultura EBM fra i professionisti della sanità e nel Paese
- Crescita culturale e del tasso di rilevanza (=eticità) della ricerca biomedica
- Miglioramento della **comunicazione efficace e professionale dell'incertezza** con i pazienti
- Riduzione contenziosi medico legali
- Contrasto alla deriva «difensivistica» della medicina

Criticità

- Qualità e quantità LG prodotte da società scientifiche italiane potenzialmente inseribili in SNLG rispetto al corpus di conoscenze/LG evidence based internazionali di alta/altissima qualità a disposizione
- Aspettative eccessive da parte dei medici e altri professionisti della sanità, policymakers, cittadini, pazienti (avvocati, giudici ...)
- predominanza del valore regolatorio/cogente della LG rispetto al suo uso critico e consapevole
- aumento paradossoso della pratica della medicina difensiva

Quale ruolo per le LG?

**guidelines (should) force us to scrutiny
primary research literature in ways that
we don't normally do**

Richard Horton, Editor of *The Lancet*

ADDRESSING UNCERTAINTY IS PROFESSIONAL

'One of the key attributes of professionalism . . . should be the ability to identify and address uncertainty in medicine. Every day professionals confront and cope with uncertainties about disease pathogenesis, about diagnosis, and about treatment. Yet the intrinsic uncertainties in all these spheres of medical activity are seldom acknowledged explicitly and some professionals remain uncomfortable about admissions of uncertainty - in their dealings with patients especially.

From: Medical Research Council response to Royal College of Physicians consultation on medical professionalism. 2005

Figure. The Interdependence of Evidence-Based Medicine and Shared Decision Making and the Need for Both as Part of Optimal Care