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## **Purpose and Scope**

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This resource provides a guide for the development, implementation and evaluation of clinical practice.

## **Background**

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The College recognises national standards and resources exist to assist in the development of guidelines and standards for clinical practice.

## **Body of Resource**

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The College supports the systematic identification and synthesis of the best available scientific evidence. Levels of evidence, quality of evidence, relevance of evidence and strength of evidence are to be considered. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recounts that the need for guidelines to encourage health professionals to improve their treatment practices and improve patient and community access to information about treatment options is a salient feature of their guidelines.

The College advocates the use of the NHMRC guidelines in contributing to the development, evaluation and implementation of clinical practice guidelines where relevant. These were last updated in 1999.

The College will consider the principles of the NHMRC on a particular topic either in total or in combination with other relevant national or international standards or recommendations, in the development of policies and guidelines.

## **Relevant Documents**

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Guide to the development, evaluation and implementation of clinical practice guidelines

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