



European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC): Development of the catalogue of international guidelines on breast cancer care - Eligibility criteria for guidelines

- Issued less than 10 years ago
- Covering breast cancer care processes after diagnosis
- According to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), guidelines are considered as trustworthy when they are:
 - ✓ based on a systematic review of existing evidence;
 - ✓ developed by a knowledgeable, multidisciplinary panel of experts and representatives from key affected groups;
 - ✓ attentive to important patient subgroups and patient preferences;
 - ✓ based on an explicit and transparent process that minimises distortions, biases and conflicts of interest;
 - ✓ clear in their explanation of the logical relationships between alternative care options and health outcomes;
 - ✓ rated in terms of both the quality of evidence and the strength of the recommendations;
 - ✓ reconsidered and revised as appropriate when important new evidence warrants modifications of the recommendations..

(Source: Institute of Medicine, Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust, The National Academies Press, Washington, DC, United States, 2011).

- A clear identification of a contact person
- Inclusion of a plan for revision as appropriate when important new evidence warrants modifications of recommendations.