



MQIC Guideline Development Criteria

The Michigan Quality Improvement Consortium clinical guideline development process is a laborious and rigorous process designed to produce concise evidence-based recommendations that will improve the quality of care delivered in Michigan. In order to maximize the committee's utilization of resources, topics selected for guideline development should have the following characteristics:

1) Prevalent condition in the primary care setting

The condition should exist in a significant proportion of the general population.

2) Clinically relevant in the primary care setting

Topics selected for guideline development by MQIC should require significant diagnostic or therapeutic decisions at the primary care level.

3) There should be a sufficient body of literature to allow recommendations to be made

The condition in question should have a reasonable body of evidence-based peer-reviewed medical literature available to allow recommendations to be made.

4) There should be indications of gaps in care

Conditions selected should have significant opportunities to improve clinical performance relative to national benchmarks or other evidence-based diagnostic or therapeutic guidelines.

5) Regulatory guidelines or benchmarks

Although not mandatory, strong consideration will be given to clinical conditions with national performance standards such as the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS).

6) Clinical impact

The condition in question must have the potential for significant morbidity or mortality.

7) The topic must be amenable to a concise summary

The condition should lend itself to concise diagnostic and treatment recommendations in MQIC's one page format.

8) Opportunity to lower cost if care is improved.