

APPENDIX X: CLASSIFICATION OF EVIDENCE GRADING

Evidence Categories

Type of Study or Evidence	
I	Evidence obtained from at least one properly designed randomized controlled trial.
II-1	Evidence obtained from well-designed controlled trials without randomization.
II-2	Evidence obtained from well-designed cohort or case-control analytic studies, preferably from more than one center or research group.
II-3	Evidence obtained from multiple time series with or without intervention. Well-done QI studies with statistical process control analyses or the like fall into this category. Dramatic results in uncontrolled experiments also could be regarded as this type of evidence.
III	Opinions of respected authorities, based on clinical experience, descriptive studies, or reports of expert committees.

Level of Recommendations	
A	Recommendations based on high quality and consistent evidence.
B	Recommendations based on limited or inconsistent evidence.
C	Recommendations based primarily on consensus and expert opinion.

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