

Supplementary material

Australian general practitioner attitudes to clinical practice guidelines and some implications for translating osteoarthritis care into practice

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Table S1. CareTrack Australia Survey: Section Two – Clinical Practice Guidelines (extract)

SECTION TWO: CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

8. What is your general attitude toward Clinical Practice Guidelines?

Please tick ✓ one box only for each statement

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
i) Guidelines support decision making in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Guidelines support medical education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Guidelines restrict GP autonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Guidelines aim for cost containment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v) Guidelines oversimplify clinical medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vi) Guidelines should be promoted in various clinical areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vii) Guidelines facilitate sharing information with patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
viii) Guidelines should be available to the general public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ix) Experts should know the guideline content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x) Guideline adherence is an important indicator of quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
xi) Justification should be documented when not following recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
xii) Guidelines increase the risk of malpractice liability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
xiii) Guidelines are quickly and easily available/found at the point of care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

xiv) What other comments can you give about your general attitude to guidelines?

9. What is your view regarding the important characteristics of clinical practice guidelines?

Please tick ✓ one box only for each statement

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
i) Reasons or recommendations should be clearly stated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Discussion of validity of evidence in the literature should be included	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Guideline aims are clearly specified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) External review results are presented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v) Developed by credible organisation or persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vi) Each recommendation should have a uniform format	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vii) Conflict of interest of the persons involved are specified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

viii) What other comments do you have regarding the important characteristics of guidelines?

10. Format for clinical practice guidelines

Please tick ✓ one box only for each question

	DETAILED TEXT/MANUAL	SHORT (2-3 PAGES) SUMMARIES	FLOWCHART OR ALGORITHM	SINGLE PAGE CHECKLIST
i) Which format do you prefer for clinical practice guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ii) Please make further comments about the format of clinical practice guidelines.

11. Experience and opinions regarding RACGP OA Guideline*

Please tick ✓ one box only for each question

	ONCE A WEEK OR MORE	MONTHLY, BUT LESS THAN WEEKLY	RARELY	NEVER	NOT AWARE OF THE GUIDELINE	
i) How often do you refer to the RACGP OA Guideline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ii) How helpful is the RACGP OA Guideline?	EXTREMELY HELPFUL	VERY HELPFUL	MILDLY HELPFUL	RARELY HELPFUL	NOT HELPFUL	NOT AWARE/ NOT USED
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

iii) Please add other comments about the RACGP OA guideline?

* RACGP Guideline for the non-surgical management of hip and knee osteoarthritis, available at <http://www.racgp.org.au/guidelines/osteoarthritis>

iv) Do you refer to any other OA guidelines? Yes No

If Yes, how helpful do you find these other OA guidelines?

	EXTREMELY HELPFUL	VERY HELPFUL	MILDLY HELPFUL	RARELY HELPFUL	NOT HELPFUL
v) Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vi) Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vii) Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

viii) Do you have any other comments about specific OA guidelines?
