

POGO Clinical Practice Guideline Endorsement Policy

Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Eligibility for POGO Endorsement:

CPGs considered for POGO endorsement must address topics that are consistent with the POGO mandate and be based on a systematic review of the literature as defined by the National Guideline Clearinghouse (see: <https://www.ahrq.gov/gam/summaries/inclusion-criteria/index.html>).

Conflict of Interest Management:

Members of the POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee will declare any conflict of interest statements with respect to each CPG undergoing the endorsement evaluation process. Members with a conflict of interest will not participate in the endorsement evaluation.

Endorsement Evaluation Process:

- The POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee will monitor for recently published pediatric oncology supportive care CPGs. CPGs may also be forwarded to the Committee for consideration for POGO endorsement by any interested party.
- The CPG will undergo assessment by the POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee members using AGREE-II. If following this assessment, unanimous consensus cannot be achieved, the evaluation process will terminate and the CPG will not be endorsed.
- At the discretion of the POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee, the CPG will undergo external feedback by 5 to 8 expert content reviewers.
- The CPG will be sent for review to at least one member of each POGO tertiary partner program (and satellite centres, if applicable). The range of healthcare provider disciplines included the stakeholder review process will vary depending on the topic. If Ontario centres were included in a review process during the CPG's development, this step will be omitted.
- The POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee will review the feedback received. Major concerns regarding the integrity of the CPG content may preclude endorsement.
- An expedited endorsement review process will be used for CPGs that have been endorsed by the Children's Oncology Group (COG). Given that the five pediatric oncology tertiary centres in Ontario are COG sites and the COG endorsement review process includes an assessment using AGREE II and a stakeholder feedback survey of COG members with topic expertise, the AGREE II assessment and survey will be omitted from the POGO review process. For COG-endorsed CPGs, the POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee will review the CPG and make an endorsement decision focused on the applicability of the CPG to the Ontario setting. If following this assessment, unanimous consensus cannot be achieved, the evaluation process will terminate and the CPG will not be endorsed.

Dissemination and Periodic Review:

CPGs that meet the criteria for POGO endorsement will be distributed to member institutions and a link will be posted on the POGO website. The websites of organizations with POGO-endorsed CPGs will be checked annually to see if updated versions of the endorsed CPGs have been developed.

If the majority of the members of the POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee deem it necessary, an updated CPG will be sent to external experts for feedback. The POGO Supportive Care Steering Committee will review endorsed CPGs five years from the date of the CPG publication for relevance and currency of the topic and the CPG recommendations