**Guideline implementation checklist**

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| **Guideline Title:** | |
| **Clinical Unit:** | **Date:** |

This checklist is designed to support achievement of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (edition 2). The strategies identified are suggestions only and may be customised as relevant to the guideline and local resources and practices.

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| **NSQHS–Standard 1: Clinical governance** | |
| **Clinical Practice: Clinical performance and effectiveness** | |
| **Criterion 1.27: Evidence based care** | |
| **1.27: The health service organisation has processes that:** | **a. Provide clinicians with ready access to best-practice guidelines, integrated care pathways, clinical pathways and decision support tools relevant to their clinical practice**  **b. Support clinicians to use the best available evidence, including relevant clinical care standards developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care** |

# Governance systems

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|  | **Governance Systems:** Systems are in place to support comprehensive care | | **🗹 Achieved Date / Comments** | |
|  | | Hospital and Health Service (HHS) Executive endorse the guidelines and their use in the HHS and communicate this to staff |  |  |
|  | | Table each guideline at the local Patient Safety and Quality Committee (or equivalent) |  |  |
|  | | Refer to the relevant guideline when recommending, initiating and/or reporting on quality activities to improve patient care |  |  |
|  | | Establish a ‘Quality Portfolio’ to coordinate guideline implementation activities |  |  |
|  | | Identify clinical champions to promote, reference and encourage other clinicians to use the guidelines |  |  |
|  | | Include information about Queensland Clinical Guidelines in orientation/induction material (e.g. access to the guidelines, resources available) |  |  |
|  | | Encourage staff to join the Queensland Clinical Guidelines mailing list to receive information about the guidelines directly.  Join the mailing list:   * online [www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg) * by email [guidelines@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:guidelines@health.qld.gov.au) |  |  |
|  | | Promote QCG website as source of evidence informed guidelines, flowcharts, clinician education and consumer information  [www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg) |  |  |
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# Awareness and distribution

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|  | **Awareness and distribution:** Staff are informed about opportunities to participate in guideline development and the publication of new or amended guidelines | **🗹 Achieved Date / Comments** | |
|  | Notify clinicians of the guideline (e.g. place notifications on staff information boards, email relevant clinicians, include in newsletters) |  |  |
|  | Discuss the guideline at meetings (e.g. ward/team meetings) and education forums |  |  |
|  | Display **current** guideline flowcharts in clinical areas |  |  |
|  | A blue and white logo  Description automatically generatedPromote the *Desktop icon* as a quick link to the guideline website |  |  |
|  | Support clinical staff (including new, supernumerary and students) to access, review and discuss the guideline |  |  |
|  | Communicate requests for statewide consultation on draft guidelines and encourage staff to provide feedback |  |  |
|  | Encourage participation in guideline working parties  (members are acknowledged in the guideline) |  |  |
|  | Inform the pharmacy department of new or amended drug recommendations (if applicable) |  |  |
|  | Destroy existing printed guidelines on the topic |  |  |
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# Clinical education

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|  | **Clinical Education:** Clinical education is provided on clinical guidelines | **🗹 Achieved Date / Comments** | |
|  | Promote the guideline as a professional development opportunity for all clinical staff |  |  |
|  | Promote use of and access to related guideline resources on the website   * Education presentations * Online knowledge assessments * Consumer information |  |  |
|  | Incorporate guideline education into the yearly education calendar |  |  |
|  | Hold education sessions on the guideline |  |  |
|  | Provide certificates following education as evidence for continuing professional development |  |  |
|  | Use guideline implementation resources to support group education opportunities (e.g. present a guideline education presentation each week) |  |  |
|  | Incorporate guideline recommendations into local education and training initiatives |  |  |
|  | Update local education and training materials to incorporate guideline recommendations |  |  |
|  | Utilise the guideline when conducting mock clinical scenarios |  |  |
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# Quality and safety

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|  | **Quality and Safety:** Clinical care is aligned with guideline recommendations | **🗹 Achieved Date / Comments** | |
|  | Review the guideline supplement for suggested quality measures, audit criteria and implementation strategies |  |  |
|  | Source or develop complementary resources identified in the guideline supplement (e.g. consumer information) |  |  |
|  | Refer to the relevant guideline when developing content for consumer education/information |  |  |
|  | Review current clinical practice and identify gaps between current and recommended practice |  |  |
|  | Develop and implement an action plan to align clinical practice with guideline recommendations if gaps are identified |  |  |
|  | Measure/audit patient care and outcomes against guideline recommendations |  |  |
|  | Use the guidelines for clinical decision making at the point of care (e.g. ward rounds, clinical handovers, clinic appointments) |  |  |
|  | Incorporate links on the patient journey board to guidelines relevant to the patient’s care |  |  |
|  | Refer to the guidelines when undertaking clinical incident reviews and root cause analysis |  |  |
|  | Identify and consider implementing clinical tools/resources/forms provided or referenced in the guideline |  |  |
|  | Use consumer information brochures for patient education |  |  |
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Suggest activities for the implementation checklist

Tell us how you are implementing guidelines or suggest an addition to the checklist.

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