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Introduction

Clinical practice guideline (CPG) is one of the important measures to improve the quality of medical services and standardize of diagnosis and treatment. The evaluation of clinical practice guidelines for biomedicine has been ~~relatively proven, shown to be useful~~. The appraisal of guidelines for research and evaluation (AGREE) tool was published in 2003 and upgraded in 2009, which includes 23 items and covers ~~6~~six quality assessment areas ~~and be~~. It is widely used for the quality assessment of clinical practice guidelines. ~~But~~However, AGREE doesn't cover the application evaluation of CPG.

Traditional Chinese ~~Medicine~~Clinical medicine clinical practice guideline (TCMCPG) is mainly divided into consensus-based guideline and evidence-based guideline. Consensus guideline is the main body of TCM Clinical practice guidelines and evidence-based guideline is still in its infancy. ~~Of~~Out of the 527 TCM and acupuncture clinical practice guidelines/consensuses issued by December 2019, 403 (76.47 %) were based on the expert consensus approach, and 124 (23.53 %) were based on the evidence-based guide-making approach. Different from evidence-based guidelines of biomedicine, the clinical promotion and application effects of a large number of expert consensus-based guidelines need to be evaluated.

Furthermore, the application evaluation of the guidelines is an indispensable basic work, which is different from the evaluation of the quality of guideline. No unified semantic information framework exists in the application evaluation of TCMCPG, which affects the data exchange and sharing among different institutions and databases. From the perspective of categorical structure, an overall framework involving the whole process of application evaluation of the guidelines is needed so that the exchange and utilization of data can be more convenient. Categorical structure of application evaluation of TCMCPG is an essential part among this process. This document was developed to standardize the effect of application evaluation of CPG in order to promote the implementation, popularization, further revision and perfection of TCMCPG.

To sum up, evaluating the application effect of clinical practice guidelines can provide a basis for the implementation, promotion and revision of the guidelines, which can promote the application effect of TCMCPG and is beneficial to developers and practitioners of clinical guidelines. The establishment of a unified categorical structure for the application evaluation of TCMCPG is ~~vital~~necessary, which will greatly improve the effect of the application evaluation of TCMCPG, establish a communication platform for the research of TCMCPG ~~and international standards~~, and lay a solid foundation for future sharing and utilization.

Health Informaticsinformatics — Categorial structure for representation of the evaluation of clinical practice guidelines in traditional Chinese medicine

1 Scope

This ~~document specifies~~ document specifies the categorial structure within the ~~subject~~ field of TCMCPG application evaluation by defining a set of domain constraints of sanctioned characteristics each composed of a relationship.

The development ~~of clinical practice guidelines is outside~~ the ~~guideline is outside~~ of this ~~scope.~~ document.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain ~~terminological~~ terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: <http://www.iso.org/obp> available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: <http://www.electropedia.org/> available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General

3.1 General terms

3.1.1 concept

~~internal conception of something;~~ general notion or idea of something

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 18876-21:2003, 3.1.3]

3.1.2 relationship

association between two or more entities that is significant for some intended purpose

Note 1 to entry: Can also be known as an association when the information model is based upon object classes.

[SOURCE: ISO 19440:2020, 3.64, modified, ~~note~~ — Note to entry added].]

3.2 Characterizing categories

3.2.1

Clinical Practice Guidelines of Traditional 3.2.1

**traditional Chinese Medicine
medicine clinical practice guidelines**

TCMCPG

set of systematically developed statements to assist the decisions made by healthcare actors of TCM about healthcare activities ~~to be~~ performed with regard to specified health issues

3.2.2

evaluation

action that assesses the value of clinical practice guidelines of ~~TCM~~traditional Chinese medicine

Note 1 to entry: ~~the~~The rationality and accuracy of the contents of the guidelines and developing method, the coordination of guidelines and clinical practice.

Note 2 to entry: ~~the~~The application effect and the application conformity of the guidelines.

3.2.3

applicability evaluation

internal characteristics of the guideline elements, the specific scope of the external environment and the relationship between them

Note 1 to entry: The evaluation results determine whether ~~the guidelines~~a guideline should be used in whole or in part.

Note 2 to entry: It evaluates the applicability of the guidelines from technical level, coordination, structure and content, etc.

[SOURCE: Applicability evaluation tool of Medical Guidelines (~~Guozuo Dengzi~~, 2013-A00103587)]

3.2.4

consistency evaluation

degree of implementation uniformity between ~~CPG~~clinical practice guidelines and real clinical practice scenarios in many conditions such as clinical diagnosis, syndrome differentiation, drug use

Note 1 to entry: ~~whether there are tools~~Tools or other relevant resources to support the recommendations and evaluation criteria for monitoring or auditing provided by the guidelines can improve consistency.

Note ~~2 to 2~~ to entry: ~~whether they describe the~~The promotion and impediment factors in the application

~~Note 3 to entry: whether they consider the relevant resources that may~~could be ~~needed~~described in the ~~application of recommendations~~guideline.

~~Note 4 to entry: whether they provide evaluation criteria for monitoring or auditing.~~

3.2.5

technical level

accuracy, clarity and rigor of ~~TCM~~clinical practice guidelines of traditional Chinese medicine clinical practice guidelines in disease, syndrome diagnosis and suggestion of treatment

3.2.6

structure and contents

concrete clauses and details ~~which included in~~ a ~~TCMCPG should have~~traditional Chinese medicine clinical practice guideline

3.2.7

coordination and matching

not ~~contradict or conflict~~conflicting with other standard documents, ~~can enabling several documents to~~ be used in conjunction with each other

3.2.8

clarity

property of being clear, unambiguous and operable

Note 1 to entry: Different health problems and different choices have been listed clearly.

Note 2 to entry: The diagnostic points are accurate.

Note 3 to entry: The physical and chemical examinations are reasonable.

Note 4 to entry: The scope of application of the guidelines is clear.

3.2.9

preciseness

quality of being reproducible in amount or performance

Note 1 to entry: ~~preciseness~~Preciseness can be shown in development, application and revision.

3.2.10

matching degree

degree of coordination and integration between the technical level of the guidelines and the hospital itself

3.2.11

normalization

imposition of standards or regulations

Note 1 to entry: Normalization is manifested in the process of making the guideline.

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3.2.12

integrity

~~undivided or unbroken~~ completeness ~~or totality with nothing wanting in content and structure~~

Note 1 to entry: Integrity means the guidelines meets the requirements of the ~~general~~clinical practice guidelines, whether it contains the core elements of the ~~guideline~~guidelines.

3.2.13

consistency

conformity of clinical practice guidelines in clinical use ~~from regarding~~ the aspects of diagnosis, syndrome differentiation and intervention methods.

3.2.14

diagnosis

identification of a health or disease state from its signs and/or symptoms, where the diagnostic process can involve examinations and tests for classification of an individual's condition into separate and distinct categories or subclasses that allow medical decisions about treatment and prognosis to be made

Note 1 to entry: It includes the diagnosis of diseases in TCM (traditional Chinese medicine) and the diagnosis of TCM syndromes.

[SOURCE: ISO 20184-1:2018, 3.6, modified ~~note—~~ Note to entry added.]

3.2.15

intervention method

actions taken to maximize the prospects of achieving the patient's or providers' goals of care, including the removal of barriers to success

EXAMPLE ~~medication~~ Medication, physical therapy

~~[SOURCE: SKMT]~~

3.2.16

implementation effect

standardization effect and technical effect

3.2.17

standardization effect

effect of the ~~widely~~ wide utilization of the diagnostic and therapeutic technology ~~after which is that are~~ included in the ~~TCMCPG~~ traditional Chinese medicine clinical practice guidelines

Note ~~1 to 1 to~~ entry: Standardization ~~effect~~ effects can achieve the best overall benefit through unification, simplification, optimization and coordination.

~~EXAMPLE 1~~ EXAMPLE 1 The ~~guideline improves~~ guidelines improve the application effect by adopting new diagnostic and therapeutic technology, optimizing scheme and eliminating low-efficiency technology.

~~EXAMPLE 2~~ EXAMPLE 2 The ~~guideline~~ guidelines can reduce unnecessary differences in clinical practice by standardizing diagnostic and therapeutic behaviour, realizing unified simplification and improving application effect

~~EXAMPLE 3~~ EXAMPLE 3 The ~~guide~~ guidelines can promote the technical connection and improve the application effect through the coordination of internal and external technologies.

~~EXAMPLE 4~~ EXAMPLE 4 Through a wider range of popular application, to achieve the rapid spread of technology, the application of technology is increased.

3.2.18

technical effect

effects of the diagnostic and therapeutic technology itself

3.2.19

compliance evaluation

~~degree of acting according~~

~~extent to certain accepted standards which something complies with relevant laws and regulations, in line with the public interest of the society~~

3.2.20

source evaluation

~~basis~~

~~methods~~ of ~~the foundation of~~ TCMCPG traditional Chinese medicine clinical practice guidelines

Note 1 to entry: Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines or expert consensus are the main manifestations of source evaluation.

Note 2 to entry: If evidence-based, it is ~~from~~ based on literature evidence or clinical trials.