

List of Relevant Websites

AGREE Collaboration

www.agreecollaboration.org

AGREE is an international collaboration of researchers and policy makers who seek to improve the quality and effectiveness of clinical practice guidelines by establishing a shared framework for their development, reporting and assessment.

AMDA Implementation Framework

<http://www.amda.com/clinical/implementation/>

The American Medical Directors Association is the professional association of medical directors and physicians practicing in the long term care continuum. The *AMDA Clinical Practice Guideline (1998)* and the AMDA's "*We Care: Implementing Clinical Practice Guidelines Tool Kit*" is available for purchase through their website.

Campbell Collaboration

www.campbellcollaboration.org

The International Campbell Collaboration (C2) is a non-profit organization that aims to help people make well-informed decisions about the effects of interventions in the social, behavioral and educational arenas. C2's objectives are to prepare, maintain and disseminate systematic reviews.

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine

www.cebm.net

The Centre has been established in Oxford, as the first of several centres around the country whose broad aim is to promote evidence-based health care and provide support and resources to anyone who wants to make use of them.

Centre for Reviews and Dissemination

www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/index.htm

The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) was established in January 1994, and aims to provide research-based information about the effects of interventions used in health and social care.

Cochrane Collaboration

www.cochrane.org

The Cochrane Collaboration is an international non-profit and independent organization, dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide. It produces and disseminates systematic reviews of healthcare interventions.

Joanna Briggs Institute

www.joannabriggs.edu.au

The Joanna Briggs Collaboration is an international group of Collaborating Centres coordinated by The Joanna Briggs Institute that develops, promotes and supports an evidence-based approach to health care. There are currently 14 collaborating centres covering the disciplines of nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics, podiatry, occupational therapy, aged care and medical radiation.

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

<http://www.ihl.org/ihl/topics>

The IHI website provides pages that are devoted to topic areas that feature available knowledge for improvement in the specific area, including tools, literature and suggestions for changes that will aid improvement efforts in any organization.

MiArt Guidelines

http://www.miart.co.uk/I-medicine.info/documents/Clinical_Guidelines.pdf

‘Implementing Clinical Guidelines’ is an XML based guideline and protocol system for use by healthcare professionals in clinical environments. Dr. Michael Hughes produced the PDF document for MiArt Technology Services.

National Guideline Clearinghouse

www.guideline.gov

The National Guideline Clearinghouse™ (NGC™) is a comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents.

National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE)

www.nice.org.uk

Part of the National Health Service (NHS), its role is to provide patients, health professionals and the public with authoritative, robust and reliable guidance on current “best practice”. The guidance will cover both individual health technologies (including

medicines, medical devices, diagnostic techniques, and procedures) and the clinical management of specific conditions.

New Zealand Guidelines Group

www.nzgg.org.nz

The NZGG is an independent, not-for-profit organization set up to promote effective delivery of health and disability services, based on evidence.

VIHA Quality Improvement Website

http://intranet.viha.ca/quality_improvement

This website offers information, resources and support to help VIHA staff make measurable, long-term improvements. See also:

QI Links http://intranet.viha.ca/quality_improvement/links.htm

QI Tools http://intranet.viha.ca/quality_improvement/tools.htm

NHS National Health Service (NHS) Executive

http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4005638&chk=24n2Ky

‘Achieving effective practice: a clinical effectiveness and research information pack for nurses, midwives and health visitors’ provides comprehensive advice for nursing staff on how to establish clinical practice in the work place.

RNAO Framework and Toolkit

http://www.rnao.org/bestpractices/completed_guidelines/BPG_Guide_C1_Toolkit.asp

This Toolkit was designed to assist health care settings in maximizing the potential of Clinical Practice Guidelines through systematic and well-planned implementation. It was also designed to accompany the Nursing Best Practice Guidelines (NBPGs) developed by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) in order to facilitate their implementation.

SIGN - Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/index.html>

SIGN’s objective is to improve the quality of health care for patients in Scotland by reducing variation in practice and outcome, through the development and dissemination of national clinical guidelines. SIGN has a programme of 60 evidence-based clinical guidelines - published, in development, or under review - covering a wide range of topics. The membership of SIGN includes all of the medical specialties, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, professions allied to medicine, patients, health service managers, social services, and researchers.