

GRADE Classification of Guideline Recommendations

CERTAINTY OF EVIDENCE		High Quality	Moderate Quality	Low Quality	Very Low Quality
<i>Description of Evidence</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-performed RCTs Very strong evidence from unbiased observational studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCTs with some limitations Strong evidence from unbiased observational studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCTs with serious flaws Some evidence from observational studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsystematic clinical observations Very indirect evidence observational studies
STRENGTH OF RECOMMENDATION	Strong (1): “We recommend...” <i>Benefits clearly outweigh harms and burdens, or vice versa</i>	1 ⊕⊕⊕⊕	1 ⊕⊕⊕○	1 ⊕⊕○○	1 ⊕○○○
	Conditional (2): “We suggest...” <i>Benefits closely balanced with harms and burdens</i>	2 ⊕⊕⊕⊕	2 ⊕⊕⊕○	2 ⊕⊕○○	2 ⊕○○○