Evaluation of clinical practice guidelines on the management of obstetric perineal trauma using the AGREE II instrument

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Introduction
International and national clinical practice guidelines provide guidance on OASIS management. The quality & methodology of these guidelines requires evaluation.

Aim
To systematically evaluate the quality of clinical guidelines on obstetric perineal trauma and perineal care using the Appraisal of Guidelines, Research and Evaluation II instrument.

Materials & Methods
Systematic literature search was performed using Medline and PubMed databases from inception to December 2018. National and international associations and societies were searched manually for published clinical practice guidelines. Five appraisers independently scored each guideline using the AGREE II Reporting checklist.

Conclusions
This is the 1st systematic review on the assessment of the quality of guidelines on perineal trauma of using the AGREE II validation tool.

The quality among guidelines is significantly variable but high degree of agreement in overall ratings was noted.