

BILAG 3. Appraisal of Guidelines for Research & Evaluation,

Dato: maj 2015

1. Overall Assessment

Title: 'Nonpharmakological treatments in early rheumatoid arthritis: clinical practice guidelines based on published evidence and expert opinion'.

Overall quality of this guideline: 2/7

Guideline recommended for use? No.

Notes:

This guideline is not recommended for several reasons: 1) it only includes treatment in early RA, 2) literature is 10 or more years old, 3) it is unspecific with respect to physiotherapy and 4) only little literature on physical therapy in early RA have been found.

Domain Total:

1. Scope and Purpose: 14
2. Stakeholder Involvement: 7
3. Rigour of Development: 39
4. Clarity of Presentation: 12
5. Applicability: 6
6. Editorial Independence :2

2. Overall Assessment

Title: 'Non-drug treatment (excluding surgery) in rheumatoid arthritis: Clinical practise guideline'.

Overall quality of this guideline: 5/7

Guideline recommended for use? No.

Notes:

This guideline does not refer to physiotherapy specifically but to different kinds of non-drug treatments in Rheumatoid Arthritis patients. Therefore, despite the relative high quality of the method, the guideline cannot stand alone as a guideline in physiotherapy as only parts of the guideline is considered relevant to physiotherapy. Due to linguistic challenges important methodological references has not been evaluated which may limit the possibility of appraisal of the guideline. ICF is not applied as reference criterion in this guideline.

Domain Total:

1. Scope and Purpose: 11
2. Stakeholder Involvement: 12
3. Rigour of Development: 40
4. Clarity of Presentation: 18
5. Applicability: 7
6. Editorial Independence: 7

3. Overall Assessment

Title: 'KNGF Guideline for Physical Therapy in patients with rheumatoid arthritis'.

Overall quality of this guideline: 6/7

Guideline recommended for use? Yes with modifications.

Notes:

This guideline is evaluated positively by implementing the guideline into ICF context

Modifications to be considered: Adjustment to the national Health Care organization (such as Danish Health Care system for use in DK), include measurement instruments validated in Danish, Danish expert consensus on diagnostic process (e.g. referrals), update of evidence since 2008, risk of bias evaluation of primary literature on other treatment modalities except for muscle strength and aerobic exercise therapy (Systematic Cochrane Review by Hurkmans et al. 2009)

Domain Total:

1. Scope and Purpose: 19
2. Stakeholder Involvement: 16
3. Rigour of Development: 45
4. Clarity of Presentation: 21
5. Applicability: 22
6. Editorial Independence: 8