



PHM 3525 Drug Information

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Clinical Practice Guidelines

- **Definition:** *Guidelines are systematically developed statements created*
- *to assist practitioner and patient decisions*
- *about healthcare for specific circumstances*



Why there is a need?

- Improve healthcare quality
- Improve patient outcomes
- ...



History

- Clinical Practice Guideline is a fairly recent phenomenon.
- The first diabetes guidelines from the ADA were published in 1988.



Development Strategies

- Produce guidelines that are accurate
- Provide recommendations that are accountable
- Facilitate application of policy



Development Methods

- Consensus method:
- Evidence based method:



Pharmacists' Critical Assessment

- What are the recommendations?
- Are the recommendations valid?
- Will the recommendations help me in caring for my patients?



Conclusion

- Pharmacists must possess deeper expertise
- enables them to function beyond the recommendations
- creates masterful pharmacotherapeutic plans.