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## APPENDIX B: Guideline shortlist and inclusion criteria

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### Emergency Department Stroke and Transient Ischaemic Attack Care Bundle:

Information and implementation package

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The guideline inclusion criteria are based on those used by the U.S. National Guidelines Clearinghouse. These criteria establish a level of rigour in the selection of the included guidelines.

### Guideline inclusion criteria:

1. The guideline contains systematically developed statements that include recommendations, strategies, or information that assists physicians and/or other health care practitioners and patients to make decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances.
2. The guideline was produced under the auspices of medical specialty associations, relevant professional societies, public or private organisations, government agencies at the Federal, State, or local level, or health care organisations.
3. Corroborating documentation can be produced and verified that a systematic literature search and review of existing scientific evidence published in peer reviewed journals was performed during the guideline development.
4. The full text guideline is freely available and accessible on the internet, in the English language. The guideline is current and the most recent version produced. Documented evidence can be produced or verified that the guideline was developed, reviewed, or revised within the last five years (2004-2008).

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