



Appendix A - Needs analysis template

Guideline developers must submit a needs analysis when registering their proposed guideline for NHMRC approval. The needs analysis should address the items listed in this form and must be supported with references.

1. What is the purpose of your guideline?

Describe the primary purpose of the guideline and state its goals and objectives.

2. Why is a guideline needed in this area? Are there alternatives to a guideline?

Explain the necessity of a guideline in this specific area and discuss why possible alternatives to a guideline are not selected for development.

3. Are there existing national guidelines on this topic? If so, list them and explain why another guideline is needed.

Identify any existing guidelines and justify the need for a new or updated guideline.

4. How does the guideline topic area relate to a national health priority area or a significant disease burden area?

Describe the current burden of disease and its impact on the targeted patient population. Explain why the issues addressed by the guideline are important.

5. What health indicators or other measures do you hope to improve?

Explain what outcomes the guideline aims to improve and any gaps or variation in current practices it aims to address.