

Policy for Developing or Modifying an AUC

References on AUC Development

The decisions made by the AUC review team, as well as the data that were considered are published on our website. Appropriateness criteria can be either consensus-based or evidence based, or a combination of both. At MGH, evidence-based recommendations have in some instances been modified based upon years of experience. Evidence-based recommendations take into account the strength of the evidence, using the Grading Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) methodology. Information that is included on the website indicates whether the AUC recommendation is based upon evidence, or upon consensus clinical judgment. It identifies the authors from the multidisciplinary team. The information is available for public use, and specifically it is available to all our providers and consumers of care. The information will be found on our main website.

Publication

The following identifying information will be included on our website: authors' names and their titles, (authors include and all members of the multidisciplinary AUC development team), and the key references used to establish the evidence.

Priority Clinical Areas

When priority clinical areas have been identified by CMS, the MGH AUC multidisciplinary teams will determine if any or all of their created AUC, or subsets of AUC, are relevant to the identified priority clinical areas. This distinction will be noted on the MGH published AUC website as well as in the implemented CDS Mechanism.

Evidence Based/Transparent Process Review

Each AUC will be reviewed yearly, with allowances for out-of-cycle reviews as defined above, all changes to the AUC, guidelines, evidence and references being updated on the website as well as in the CDS Mechanism.

The information will be found on our main website, as will a description of the process used to modify AUC, or to request modifications of the AUC

Disclosure

All parties external to the PLE when such parties have involvement in the AUC development process are disclosed and noted on our website.

Process Publication

Based upon 10 years of use of our internal AUC, we do not anticipate that any external parties will be involved in the AUC development process. However, should that ever be the case, it would be disclosed on the website as an alternate source of input (in addition to literature and clinical expertise).