

Guidelines

A “guideline” is a set of [instructions](#), principles, or [recommendations](#) that provide guidance or direction on how to perform a particular task, make a [decision](#), or achieve a specific goal. [Guidelines](#) are often used to establish [best practices](#), standardize procedures, or ensure [consistency](#) in various fields. They serve as a reference point for individuals or organizations to follow when facing a particular situation or challenge.

For example, in healthcare, [clinical practice guidelines](#) offer recommendations for healthcare professionals regarding the diagnosis, treatment, and management of various medical conditions. In other contexts, guidelines can cover topics such as safety procedures, ethical considerations, writing styles, or any other area where standardization and clarity are important.

Guidelines are not strict [rules](#), but rather suggestions that aim to provide a framework for decision-making or action. They are flexible and can be adapted to specific circumstances, allowing for a degree of interpretation based on the context in which they are applied.

Guidelines for the acute medical management of severe traumatic brain injury in infants, children, and adolescents ¹⁾

see also [Standard practice](#).

Neurosurgery Guidelines

[Neurosurgery Guidelines](#).

Ethical Guidelines

[Ethical Guidelines](#).

Definition

[Statement](#) by which to determine a course of action. A [guideline](#) aims to streamline particular [processes](#) according to a set [routine](#) or sound practice. By definition, following a guideline is never [mandatory](#).

Guidelines are not binding and are not enforced. [Protocols](#) are often considered to be stricter than a [guideline](#), and to carry more weight with the law, but there is no hard evidence to support this view and the terms are usually used interchangeably.

Guidelines may be issued by and used by any organization (governmental or private) to make the actions of its employees or divisions more predictable, and presumably of higher quality.

Clinical practice guidelines

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Development

[Guidelines development.](#)

ARRIVE guidelines

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CARE guidelines

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