

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN QUALITY AND SOURCE OF EVIDENCE, LEVELS OF EVIDENCE AND GORS OF RECOMMENDATION

	Study quality assessments					Level of Evidence (LoE)	GoR of recommendation (based on overall LoE, considering balance of clinical practice information and evidence)
Study type	Statistical analyses and patient follow-up assessment		Allocation concealment	Jadad scores	Additional assessment of overall study quality required to judge LoE		Procedure-specific
Systematic review with homogeneous results	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	1	A
Randomised controlled trial (RCT)	Statistics reported and >80% follow-up	AND	A	(1-5)	N/A	1	A (based on two or more studies or a single large, well-designed study)
			OR				
			B	(3-5)	N/A		
			OR				
RCT	Statistics not reported or questionable or <80% follow-up	AND/OR	B	(1-2)	Yes	2	B (or extrapolation from one procedure-specific LoE 1 study)
			OR				
			C	(1-5)	N/A		
			OR				
Non-systematic review, cohort study, case study; (e.g. some adverse effects evidence)	N/A		N/A			3	C
			N/A				
Clinical practice information (expert opinion); inconsistent evidence	N/A		N/A			4	D