

ASCO Guideline Endorsement Policy

ASCO will consider review of clinical practice guidelines initiated by other professional organizations when relevant and appropriate to the mission and interests of ASCO and its membership. Endorsement of guidelines will be considered in selected circumstances either upon request from peer professional organizations, or when ASCO seeks to endorse another organization's guideline in lieu of undertaking its own guideline on the same topic.

Criteria for Endorsement of Guidelines:

Endorsement of selected guidelines developed by other peer professional organizations without ASCO participation or co-sponsorship will be considered under special circumstances as outlined above. The following criteria will be applied to requests for ASCO endorsement of clinical practice guidelines:

1. Endorsement of clinical practice guidelines from peer professional organizations will be considered upon formal request to ASCO.
2. Such guidelines should be relevant and appropriate to the mission and interests of ASCO and its membership and not be duplicative of existing ASCO guidelines.
3. Guidelines considered for endorsement should be based on a systematic review of the available evidence
4. There should be an explicit statement of the purpose, methodology utilized and recommendations made.
5. Guidelines proposed for endorsement should be reviewed and approved by the Methodology Subcommittee and the Health Services Committee before submission to the ASCO Board of Directors for approval.
6. An appropriate ASCO member will be identified as liaison for the endorsed guideline.

7. A brief summary of endorsed guidelines will be prepared by ASCO staff including a synopsis of the following:
 - a. Guideline title and the group responsible for development of the guideline
 - b. Purpose and rationale
 - c. Target population
 - d. Major recommendations
 - e. ASCO Commentary summarizing the ASCO perspective on the guidelines including any additions or modifications specific for the ASCO membership
 - f. Selected references
8. The summary and links to the endorsed guideline will be provided to members on the ASCO website.
9. Such endorsements should be reviewed annually and updated when appropriate