

Supplemental Table 1. Definition of expert opinion in guidelines that reported a definition.

Society	Expert Opinion Definition
American academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (2010- 2013) ¹⁻⁴	The supporting evidence is lacking and requires the work group to make a recommendation based on expert opinion by considering the known potential harm and benefits associated with the treatment. A Consensus recommendation means that expert opinion supports the guideline recommendation even though there is no available empirical evidence that meets the inclusion criteria in the systematic review.
Canadian Society of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (2013) ⁵	Evidence development in a research context
Deutsches Ärzteblatt International (2011) ⁶	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or “first principles”.
American Urological Association (AUA; 2012-2016) ⁷⁻¹¹	A statement, achieved by consensus of the panel, that is based on members' clinical training, experience, knowledge, and judgment for which there is no evidence
National Association of Neonatal Nurses (2011) ¹²	Evidence from the opinion of authorities or reports of expert committees.