Chapter 12
METHODOLOGY

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The WFH treatment guidelines, 3rd edition, are informed by the best available evidence and supplemented with expert opinion and patient preference

HIGHLIGHTS

Global applicability: high resource and low resource countries

12 chapters

340 evidence-informed and consensus-based practical recommendations

Each chapter update led by a panel of experts, including a minimum of 25% membership of people with hemophilia or caregivers

Each chapter update supported by a full systematic review and supplemented with expert opinion through eDelphi surveys

New chapters: Principles of Care, Prophylaxis, Inhibitors, Genetic Assessment, Outcomes, Methodology

Comprehensive new sections: Self-management, transition from pediatric to adult care, carriers, management of comorbidities and medical issues with aging
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PROCESS

1. Oversight
   • Two content leads and one methodology lead
   • WFH Guidelines Process Task Force, established to provide objective oversight of the process

2. Establish Expert Panels
   • A team of ~50 panelists were assigned to the 11 content chapters
   • Every panel included a global team of HCPs and at least 25% membership of people with hemophilia and/or caregivers

3. Develop PICO questions
   • A series of PICO questions used to guide the systematic reviews were developed for 10 of the 11 content chapters

4. Conduct Systematic Reviews
   • A team of medical librarians, screeners, methodologists and data extractors conducted a total of 10 systematic reviews and produced accompanying evidence tables

5. Drafting recommendations
   • 10 panels produced a set of draft recommendations per chapter based on the evidence

6. Consensus through Delphi process
   • Chapter panelists voted on all recommendations using a modified Delphi process with a 80% agreement threshold, over a maximum of 3 delphi voting rounds

7. External review process
   • Rigorous external review of all chapters was conducted

SUBMIT FINAL MANUSCRIPTS FOR PUBLICATION