Search strategy
An iterative, multiple search strategy that consisted of 5 non-linear stages of searching

Article selection
Two sets of reviewers (6 in total) independently screened articles using inclusion criteria

LEVEL 1: Extraction of data
1736 guideline attributes were extracted in duplicate from 278 included articles

LEVEL 2: Organization of data
2 sets of investigators (Group 1; Group 2) independently clustered 1736 attributes into logical categories

- Group 1 = 33 categories
- Group 1 = 28 categories

Derived a common set of categories through group discussion (N = 27)

LEVEL 3: Building a conceptual map of guideline implementability
Discussions of the content and patterns of the attributes within categories led to their further classification into 5 broad domains: Language, Format, Evidence, Feasibility, and Decision-making

LEVEL 4: Development of a Codebook of definitions
Determine evidence-based definitions, operationalization, context, and relationship with uptake

Auditing process
- Primary reviewers’ data extractions audited by second reviewer
- Disagreements resolved through consensus

Category agreement
- Compared “agreed” and “divergent” classifications
- Derived a common set of categories through group discussion

Validation with 9 experts
- Identify flaws in categorization
- Sense and fit of categories, attributes and their labels and definitions