Figure 1 Main steps in guideline development

- Topic
- Representative Working Group
- Scope Literature / Choose a Methodology
  - Preparatory Steps (PICO, Defining outcomes, Analytical framework)
  - Systematically Gather the Evidence
    - Appraise the Evidence based on factors such as: Risk of bias, Inconsistency, Imprecision, Indirectness, Publication bias
  - Levels of Evidence Hierarchy
- Formulate & Grade Strength of Recommendations
  - Quality of Evidence
  - Benefits vs Harms
  - Applicability (cost, resource)
  - Patient Values & Preferences
- GUIDELINE
- Communication, Dissemination & Updating