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Id	CGs	Update status labels?	Highlight colour?	Bar down the side of the page?	Update status definition	Change recorded and/or explained
1	Anaemia management in people with chronic kidney disease (CG114), 2011	Yes	Yes	No	<p>Our assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • without orange color if the evidence has not been reviewed since the original guideline. • partially highlighted in orange color or [2006, amended 2011] if the evidence has not been reviewed, but an essential change has been made that affects the meaning of the recommendation. • [2011] if the evidence has been reviewed but no change has been made to the recommendation. • [new 2011] if the evidence has been reviewed and the recommendation has been updated or added. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended recommendations partially highlighted in orange color and with footnotes • Deleted recommendations in "Appendix J: Deleted parts from the 2006 guideline (no longer relevant)" (pg. 544 full CG)
2	Caesarean section (CG132), 2011	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Quote (pg. 2 full CG):</p> <p><i>"Recommendations are marked to indicate the year of the last evidence review:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [2004] if the evidence has not been reviewed since the original guideline. • [2004, amended [2011] if the evidence has not been reviewed, but an essential change has been made that affects the meaning of the recommendation. • [2011] if the evidence has been reviewed but no change has been made to the recommendation. • [new 2011] if the evidence has been reviewed and the recommendation has been updated or added." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended, new and deleted recommendations in "Appendix J Changes to original recommendations"
3	Chronic heart failure (CG108), 2010	Yes	No	No	<p>Quote (pg. 32 full CG):</p> <p><i>"The status of each recommendation is indicated as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [2003]: Recommendation from the 2003 guideline where the evidence has not been formally reviewed for the 2010 update. • [2003, amended 2010]: A small amendment has been made to the 2003 recommendation but the evidence has not been updated or reviewed. • [2010]: Recommendation from the 2003 guideline where evidence has been reviewed but the recommendation is not changed. (This includes recommendations which are reworded in a new direct style.) • [new 2010]: Recommendation from 2003 guideline which has been changed following review of evidence; or New recommendation following review of evidence" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deleted recommendations in "Appendix N – 2003 deleted recommendations"

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4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (updated) (CG101), 2010	Yes	Yes	No	<p>Our assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • without pink color Recommendation from the 2004 guideline where the evidence has not been formally reviewed for the 2010 update. • partially highlighted in pink color A small amendment has been made to the 2004 recommendation but the evidence has not been updated or reviewed. • [new 2010] Recommendation from 2004 guideline which has been changed following review of evidence; or New recommendation following review of evidence • [Deleted] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended recommendations partially highlighted in pink color • Deleted recommendations in "Appendix K NEW 2010 deleted sections from original guideline" (pg. 531 full CG)
5	Epilepsy (CG137), 2012	Yes	Yes	No	<p>Quote (pg. 28 full CG): <i>"Labelling of recommendations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New recommendations are defined as either an additional area for the guideline or changed because of an updated evidence review. New recommendations are labelled by adding [NEW 2012] to the end of the recommendation.</i> • <i>Unchanged recommendations where the evidence has been reviewed for the 2012 update are labelled as [2012]. These recommendations could be reworded to match new-style recommendations but the developers checked with the GDG that rewording hasn't changed the meaning.</i> • <i>Unchanged recommendations from 2004, where the evidence has not been formally reviewed for the 2011 update, are labelled as [2004].</i> • <i>Where evidence has not been reviewed, but there have been minor changes in 2012 to the wording of a 2004 recommendation that do not affect the meaning, for specific reasons such as in terminology or availability of drugs, these are labelled as [2004, amended 2012]. Deleted recommendations from the 2004 guideline can be viewed in Appendix X"</i> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended recommendations with footnotes • Deleted recommendations in "APPENDIX V Removed sections from original guideline"
6	Fertility (CG156), 2013	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Quote (pg. 4 full CG): <i>"Recommendations are marked to indicate the year and type of review:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[2004] if the evidence has not been reviewed since the original guideline.</i> • <i>[2004, amended 2013] if the evidence has not been reviewed, but an essential change has been made that affects the meaning of the recommendation.</i> • <i>[2013] if the evidence has been reviewed but no change has been made to the recommendation.</i> • <i>[new 2013] if the evidence has been reviewed and the recommendation has been updated or added."</i> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended, new and deleted recommendations in "Appendix L Proposed changes to original recommendations"

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7	Head injury (CG56), 2007	Yes	Yes	No	<p>Quote (pg. 30 full CG): <i>"In this update, there are new recommendations in the sections on prehospital management, emergency department assessment, investigations for clinically important brain injuries, investigation for non-accidental injury in children, and transfer from secondary settings. These are highlighted in the document as 'New'. A number of amendments have been made to other recommendations from the initial guideline, and these are highlighted in the document as 'Amended'."</i></p>	-
8	Infection control (CG139), 2012	Yes	Yes	No	<p>Quote (pg. 4 full CG): <i>"Recommendations are marked to indicate the year of the last evidence review:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[2003] if the evidence has not been updated since the original guideline,</i> • <i>[2003, amended 2012] if the evidence has not been updated since the original guideline, but changes have been made that alter the meaning of the recommendation,</i> • <i>[2012] if the evidence has been reviewed but no change has been made to the recommendation and</i> • <i>[new 2012] if the evidence has been reviewed and the recommendation has been added or updated."</i> 	<p>• Amended, new and deleted recommendations in "Appendix D: D.10 Deleted and amended recommendations (2003)"</p>
9	Lung cancer (CG121), 2011	Yes	No	Yes	<p>Quote (pg. 1 full CG): <i>"Recommendations are marked as [2005], [2011] or [new 2011]. [2005] indicates that the evidence has not been updated and reviewed since 2005. [2011] indicates that the evidence has been reviewed but no changes have been made to the recommendation. [new 2011] indicates that the evidence has been reviewed and the recommendation has been added or updated."</i></p>	-