Supporting information S4: AIRE instrument

I. Purpose, relevance and organizational context

- 1. The purpose of the indicator is described clearly.
- 2. The criteria for selecting the topic of the indicator are described in detail.
- 3. The organizational context of the indicator is described in detail.
- 4. The quality domain the indicator addresses is described in detail.
- 5. The health care process covered by the indicator is described and defined in detail.

II. Stakeholder involvement

- 6. The group developing the indicator includes individuals from all relevant professional groups.
- 7. Considering the purpose of the indicator, all relevant stakeholders have been involved at some stage of the development process.
- 8. The indicator has been formally endorsed.

III. Scientific evidence

- 9. Systematic methods were used to search for scientific evidence.
- 10. The indicator is based on recommendations from an evidence based guideline or studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.
- 11. The supporting evidence has been critically appraised.

IV. Additional evidence, formulation, usage

- 12. The numerator and denominator are described in detail.
- 13. The target patient population of the indicator is defined clearly.
- 14. A strategy for risk adjustment has been considered and described.

- 15. The indicator measures what it is intended to measure (validity).
- 16. The indicator measures accurately and consistently (reliability).
- 17. The indicator has sufficient discriminative power.
- 18. The indicator has been piloted in practice.
- 19. The efforts needed for data collection have been considered.
- 20. Specific instructions for presenting and interpreting results.