

TABLE 1

CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING AREAS OF CLINICAL  
PRACTICE WHERE GUIDELINES ARE LIKELY TO  
BE MOST BENEFICIAL

Determinant	Utilization	Score*
Incidence of problem	Very common (top 25)	1
	Quite common (26-100)	2
	Average (101-200)	3
	Less common (below 201)	4
Cost of problem	Top 10 areas in dollar cost	1
	11-20 in dollar cost	2
	21-30 in dollar cost	3
	31-50 in dollar cost	4
	Below 51 in dollar cost	5
Increase in utilization	Top 5 increase in utilization	1
	6-10 increase in utilization	2
	11-20 increase in utilization	3
	Below 21 increase in utilization	4
Regional variation in management of the problem	Top 5 in regional variation	1
	6-10 in regional variation	2
	11-20 in regional variation	3
	21-40 in regional variation	4
	Below 41 in regional variation	5
Evidence that current best guidelines not followed	Clear evidence of best guidelines not being followed	1
	Some evidence of best guidelines not being followed	2
	Evidence of best guideline followed	3
	Strong evidence of best guideline followed	4
Request from clinicians or organizations for guidelines requests	More than 1	1
	Some requests received	2