

Appendix 12

Ranking System For Evidence

CATEGORY IA

Strongly recommended for implementation and strongly supported by well designed experimental, clinical, or epidemiological studies

CATEGORY IB

Strongly recommended for implementation and supported by some experimental, clinical, or epidemiological studies and a strong theoretical rationale

CATEGORY IC

Required for implementation, as mandated by federal and/or state regulation or standard

CATEGORY II

Suggested for implementation and supported by suggestive clinical or epidemiological studies or a rationale or a consensus by a panel of experts

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