

Taskforce members identified the key clinical questions to be addressed by the Panel



Compilation of information: Medical literature search was conducted using MEDLINE and EMBASE focused on answering the key clinical questions and all relevant literature retrieved. This consisted of case reports, case series, surveys, retrospective studies, prospective observational studies



Development of collective evidence

- Articles pertaining to each section were assessed by multiple experts (mentioned below) in the field, and discussion papers were prepared
- These papers were critiqued by all panel members



Establishing Consensus on key clinical questions

- Based upon the currently available evidence, and discussion, consensus was achieved on June 2, 2007 in Toronto at a face to face conference



Development of collective Guidelines

- A final document was drafted which incorporated revisions from the June meeting



Development of final guidelines manuscript

- Guidelines manuscript was finalized incorporating all feedback from the taskforce members at the conference and external experts

Consensus exercise

Two rounds of feedback from in field experts and external specialists in medicine and dentistry

