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Guideline Search Strategy

1. Structured Website Search

Two Guideline Development Methodologists searched an established list of website for guidelines. Guidelines were selected based on the following criteria:

- Focus on the topic of oral health
- Published in English
- Available and accessible for retrieval
- Developed based on a systematic search of the literature
- Published no earlier than 2012
- Relevant to nursing scope of practice
- Applicable to the Canadian context

Websites searched:

- National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (UK): Evidence Services
- Canadian Medical Association Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC): Clinical Practice Guidelines
- eGuidelines
- Guidelines International Network (GIN)
- Google search engine
- Healthy Quality Ontario
- Joanna Briggs Institute
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Alberta Medical Association
- BC Ministry of Health
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Canadian Nurses' Association
- Cochrane

2. Hand Search RNAO expert panel members were asked to review personal libraries to identify and submit potentially relevant guidelines. Guidelines submitted for consideration by RNAO expert panel members were integrated into the retrieved list of guidelines if they had not been identified by the on-line guideline search and met the inclusion criteria.