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Guideline Search Strategy

1. Structured Website Search

Two guideline development methodologists searched an established list of websites for guidelines and standards. Guidelines and standards were selected based on the following criteria:

- Guideline or standard published in English
- Available and accessible for retrieval
- Published no earlier than 2013
- Relevant to all health providers
- Applicable to the Canadian context (e.g., studies in countries with similar culture and economic status/developed nations such as OECD countries
<https://www.oecd.org/en/about/members-partners.html>)
- Focused on the topic areas of:
 - Diabetic foot ulcers and/or complications
 - Diabetic foot ulcer management
 - Diabetic foot assessment
 - Offloading devices
 - Glycemic control
 - Diabetic foot care education
 - Diabetic interprofessional team
- If the document was a guideline, it was:
 - Developed based on a systematic search of the literature
 - Contained a description of how the recommendations were developed
 - Included the word guideline or recommendation in the title or description

Websites searched:

- Trip medical database
- Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro)
- Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence (OTseeker)
- 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)
- Diabetes Canada
- Wounds Canada
- International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot

- Google search engine

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 online guideline search and met the inclusion criteria. For this BPG, there were no relevant guidelines submitted by the expert panel.