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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:
  - person-and family-centred care
  - therapeutic relationships
  - strengthening and supporting families
- Applicable across the lifespan and across all practice settings
- Applicable to the Canadian context e.g.-studies in countries with similar culture and economic status/developed nations such as OECD countries  
<http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/>)
- Published in English
- Available and accessible for retrieval
- Published no earlier than 2014
- Relevant to nursing scope of practice
- If the document was a guideline, it was:
  - developed based on a systematic search of the literature
  - included the word guideline or recommendation in the title or description
  - contained a description of how the recommendations were developed

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)
- Healthcare Excellence Canada
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Alzheimer's Society
- Health Education and Training Institute
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- Google
- Google Scholar

##### 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.