# Context Assessment Index (CAI)

*Tool's Purpose*

The Context Assessment Index (CAI) assesses the context in which care is provided and the readiness of this context to implement evidence into practice (McCormack et al., 2009).

*Brief Tool Description*

- 37 items scored on a 4-point Likert scale. Three elements:
    - Culture (16 items)
    - Leadership (7 items)
    - Evaluation (14 items)

*Knowledge to Action Framework Phase(s):*

- Assess barriers/facilitators to knowledge use
- Monitor knowledge use

*Available Languages*: English

*Source to Access Tool*:
- CAI Tool
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*Development Article/ Psychometric Article*

- McCormack, B., McCarthy, G., Wright, J., Slater, P., & Coffey, A. (2009). Development and testing of the Context Assessment Index (CAI). *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing*, *6*(1), 27–35. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1741-6787.2008.00130.x