

GUIDELINES E PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: CONSIDERATIONS ON QUALITY AND METHODOLOGY.

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ABSTRACT

The medical responsibility is the no-adherence with the best techniques described in the scientific literature. In Italy, recently was drafted a law that binds the judgment of professional misconduct to the lack of adherence to guidelines.

The authors analyze the quality of the guidelines available in the literature.

Through a review conducted on Medline, were selected X articles that analyzed the quality of the guidelines by the AGREE instrument and was subsequently performed a linear correlation study between the methodological quality of guidelines with the year of publication and prestige of the journal that published the guidelines.

The results show a significant variability in the quality of the guidelines, with the most recent that have a greater degree of reliability. No correlation was verified with the prestige of the journal.

There is a risk that the evaluation of medical professional liability is based on scientific evidence without an acceptable methodological quality.

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