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**Abstract:**

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**Levels of Evidence and Grading/Categories of Guidelines: *(\*\*OPTION 1 – from the MASCC Guidelines Policy\*\*)***

**Level I:** Evidence obtained from meta-analysis of multiple, well-designed, controlled studies; randomized trials with low false-positive and false-negative errors (high power).

**Level II:** Evidence obtained from at least one-well designed experimental study; randomized trials with high false-positive and/or false-negative errors (low power).

**Level III:** Evidence obtained from well-designed, quasi-experimental studies, such as nonrandomized, controlled single-group, pretest-posttest comparison, cohort, time, or matched case-control series.

**Level IV:** Evidence obtained from well-designed, non-experimental studies, such as comparative and correlational descriptive and case studies.

**Level V:** Evidence obtained from case reports and clinical examples.

**Grade A:** Evidence of type I or consistent findings from multiple studies of type II, III, or IV

**Grade B:** Evidence of types II, III, or IV and findings are generally consistent

**Grade C:** Evidence of types II, III, or IV and findings are inconsistent

**Grade D:** Little or no systematic empirical evidence

OR

**Recommendation:** Reserved for guidelines that are based on Level I or Level II evidence.

**Suggestion:** Used for guidelines that are based on Level III, Level IV, and Level V evidence; this implies panel consensus on the interpretation of this evidence.

**No guideline possible:** Used when there is insufficient evidence on which to base a guideline; this implies (1) that there is little or no evidence regarding the practice in question, or (2) that the panel lacks consensus on the interpretation of existing evidence.

*Adapted from Somerfield et al. ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines: Process, Progress, Pitfalls and Prospects. Classic Papers and Current Comments, 4(4); 881-886, 2000.*

**Levels of Evidence / Grades of Recommendation: *(\*\*OPTION 2 – you may use these levels and grades instead if desired\*\*)***

**Level I:** Evidence from at least one large randomised, controlled trial of good methodological quality (low potential for bias) or meta-analyses of well- conducted randomised trials without heterogeneity

**Level II:** Small randomised trials or large randomised trials with a suspicion of bias (lower methodological quality) or meta-analyses of such trials or of trials with demonstrated heterogeneity

**Level III:** Prospective cohort studies

**Level IV:** Retrospective cohort studies or case-control studies

**Level V:** Studies without control group, case reports, expert opinions

**Grade A:** Strong evidence for efficacy with a substantial clinical benefit, strongly recommended

**Grade B:** Strong or moderate evidence for efficacy but with a limited clinical benefit, generally recommended

**Grade C:** Insufficient evidence for efficacy or benefit does not outweigh the risk or the disadvantages (adverse events, costs, …), optional

**Grade D:** Moderate evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, generally not recommended

**Grade E:** Strong evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, never recommended

**Recommendations:**

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**Other References:**

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