

HIV and adolescents: guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV

ANNEX 5: GRADE notation and language

GRADE METHODOLOGY NOTATION	INTERPRETATION	LANGUAGE USED IN THE GUIDELINES
Strong recommendation for	The panel concluded that the availability and quality of relevant scientific evidence, together with data on cost and feasibility issues, and community preferences and values, were enough to categorically support the intervention under review.	We recommend the intervention under review.
Strong recommendation against	The panel concluded that the availability and quality of relevant scientific evidence, together with data on cost and feasibility issues, and community preferences and values, were enough to categorically recommend against the intervention under review.	We recommend against the intervention under review.
Conditional recommendation for	The panel concluded that the availability and quality of relevant scientific evidence, together with data on cost and feasibility issues, and community preferences and values, were not enough to categorically support the intervention under review. However, benefits may outweigh costs/risks, and this intervention should be considered in light of locally relevant needs, resources and priorities.	We suggest that the intervention be considered in light of locally relevant needs, resources and priorities.
Conditional recommendation against	The panel concluded that the availability and quality of relevant scientific evidence, together with data on cost and feasibility issues, and community preferences and values, were not enough to categorically recommend against the intervention under review. However, costs/risks may outweigh benefits, and the decision on whether or not to implement it should be made in light of locally relevant needs, resources and priorities, particularly if better interventions are not available.	We suggest against the intervention under review.