

Supplementary table 2. Evaluation of the Società Italiana di Ginecologia e Ostetricia (SIGO) and the Associazione Ostetrici e Ginecologi Ospedalieri Italiani (AOGOI) websites according to the Health on the Net Foundation Code of Conduct (HONcode) principles.

| Principles of HONcode Site Evaluation Form | SIGO | AOGOI |
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| Principle 1. Information must be authoritative | | |
| 1. The site provides general information about the organization or individual responsible for its operation and content, and details about the editor or principal author are given with his/her credentials | Yes, an author's or editor's details with credentials are given | Yes, an author's or editor's details with credentials are given |
| 2. The site provides medical/health information or advice | Some health/medical information is not attributed to an author | Some health/medical information is not attributed to an author |
| Principle 2. Complementarity/Mission/Assistance | | |
| 3. A statement declaring that information provided on the site is meant to complement and not replace any advice or information from a health professional is clearly provided | Yes | Yes |
| 4. A statement describing the intended mission of the site is provided on the site | Yes | Yes |
| 5. The site clearly mentions the intended audience of the site (general public, health professionals, students...) | Yes | Yes |
| Principle 3. Privacy - Confidentiality | | |
| 6. A Privacy/Confidentiality Policy regarding e-mail addresses, personal, non-personal and medical information is displayed on my website | Yes | Yes |
| 7. Do my site and its mirrors respect the legal requirements, including those concerning medical and personal information privacy, that apply in the country and state of their location? | Yes | Yes |
| Principle 4. Information must be documented: Referenced and dated | | |
| 8. Is the last modification date provided for the site? | No | Yes, for all the pages of the site |

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| 9. Does the site contain information from external sources? | Yes, a bibliographic reference to the source data is given | Yes, a bibliographic reference to the source data is given |
| Principle 5. Justification of claims | | |
| 10. Does the site make claims relating to the benefit or performance of a specific medical treatment, commercial product or service? | Yes, the claims are based on the author's personal research or opinions | Yes, all claims are supported by clear references to scientific research results and/or published articles |
| Principle 6. Website contact details | | |
| 11. A valid email address for the webmaster or a link to a valid contact form is easily accessible throughout the site? | Yes | Yes |
| Principle 7. Disclosure of funding sources | | |
| 12. Is the source of the funding of my site clearly described? | No | No |
| Principle 8. Advertising policy | | |
| 13. The site displays advertising that, is a source of income | Advertising is not identified as such | Advertising is not identified as such |
| 14. The site is part of a link/banner exchange | Yes, but there is no specific description about the site advertising policy | Yes, but there is no specific description about the site advertising policy |
| 15. The site does not display advertising | There is no statement displayed | There is no statement displayed |