

Additional file 3 Algorithm and criteria for the assessment of the direction of recommendation

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In duplicate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="459 344 1362 595">1. Once the guideline and the recommendation statement are located (see Additional file 2), classify the recommendation into positive and negative.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="459 434 1362 506">- Positive recommendation encourages the use of a health care service in a given population.<li data-bbox="459 524 1362 595">- Negative recommendation discourages the use of a health care service in a given population (e.g., contains negative indicative words, such as <i>not</i>, <i>no</i>, <i>never</i>)