Patient Decision Aid Certification Criteria

Does the patient decision aid adequately:

1. Describe the health condition or problem

2. Explicitly state the decision under consideration

3. Identify the eligible or target audience

4. Describe the options available for the decision, including non-treatment

5. Describe the positive features of each option (benefits)

6. Describe the negative features of each option (harms, side effects, disadvantages)

7. Help patients clarify their values for outcomes of options by a) asking patients to consider or rate which positive and negative features matter most to them AND/OR b) describing each option to help patients imagine the physical, social (e.g. impact on personal, family, or work life), and/or psychological effects

8. Make it possible to compare features of available options

9. Show positive and negative features of options with balanced detail

10. If outcome probabilities are included, allow comparison across options using the same denominator

11. Provide information about the funding sources for development

12. Report whether authors or their affiliates stand to gain or lose by choices patients make using the PDA

13. Include authors/developers' credentials or qualifications

14. Provide date of most recent revision (or production)

15. Follow plain language guidelines, to ensure understanding of people with low literacy and/or low health literacy skills*

Additional Criteria for Screening and/Testing, if applicable:

16. Describe what the test is designed to measure

17. Describe next steps taken if test detects a condition/problem

18. Describe next steps if no condition/problem detected

19. Describe consequences of detection that would not have caused problems if the screen was not done

20. Include information about chances of true positive result

21. Include information about chances of false positive result

22. Include information about chances of true negative result

23. Include information about chances of false negative result

Does the Patient Decision Aid and/or the accompanying external documentation (including responses to the application for certification) adequately:

- Disclose and describe actual or potential financial or professional conflicts of interest?

- Fully describe the efforts used to eliminate bias in the decision aid content and presentation?

- Demonstrate developer entities and personnel are free from listed disqualifications in Attachment A?

- Demonstrate that the Patient Decision Aid has been developed and updated (if applicable) using high quality evidence in a systematic and unbiased fashion?

- Demonstrate that the developer tested its decision aid with patients and incorporated these learnings into its tool?

- Demonstrate that the patient decision aid or supporting document reports readability levels*

*New criteria added for certification in 2017