

## **Rating Guideline Recommendations**

Within each recommendation, the strength of recommendation is indicated as **Level 1**, **Level 2**, or **Not Graded**, and the quality of the supporting evidence is shown as **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**.

| Grade*  | Wording        | Grade for quality of evidence | Quality of evidence |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Level 1 | 'We recommend' | A                             | High                |
|         |                | В                             | Moderate            |
| Level 2 | 'We suggest'   | С                             | Low                 |
|         |                | D                             | Very low            |

<sup>\*</sup>The additional category 'Not Graded' was used, typically, to provide guidance based on common sense or where the topic does not allow adequate application of evidence. The most common examples include recommendations regarding monitoring intervals, counseling, and referral to other clinical specialists. The ungraded recommendations are generally written as simple declarative statements, but are not meant to be interpreted as being stronger recommendations than Level 1 or 2 recommendations.