GAPS, CHALLENGES AND NEEDS FOR ESTABLISHING A FUNCTIONING SYSTEM FOR GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN EGYPT

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- Clinical practice guidelines CPG are widely used tools to enhance quality in healthcare by spreading new knowledge and translating evidence into practice.
- However, gaps between guideline development and implementation are well documented with implications for health care quality, safety and effectiveness.



- The development phase of guidelines has been shown to be important both for the guideline content quality and for the success of implementation.
- Knowledge of the gaps and challenges that influence the implementation of the CPG recommendations is the first step in creating a functioning system for guideline development and implementation.



GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Delayed issuing of the Medical Accountability Law and a law to incriminate violence against healthcare workers
- Unequal resources between different facilities in different areas in Egypt
- Limited human resources in certain specialities
- Adoption of different guidelines by different organizations



GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of awareness among health care professionals about the importance of unifying health services all over the country
- Lack of awareness among physicians about the importance of clinical practice guidelines to improve the quality of the provided health services
- Conflicts between different sectors in the health system
- Team conflicts/Mismatched team skills

GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Lack of knowledge (deficient Continued Medical Education)
- Too many consultants giving the bigger weight of evidence to their experience
- Weak monitoring of the private sector
- Impractical deadlines



NEEDS

- A clear and simple road map revealing all the steps that we need to go through for both development and implementation of the National CPG
- Training of guideline development groups (GDGs)
- Setting up the GOTHI guideline center with respect to the human resources and the required facilities
- Patient-centered clinical guidelines

