

AAN GUIDELINE TOPIC NOMINATION FORM QUESTIONS



This is a reference document for those interested in submitting a new guideline topic for consideration by the AAN Guidelines Subcommittee. As the topic submission form must be completed in one sitting, you may use this document to prepare your responses ahead of submission. When you are ready, submit [here](#).

Thank you for your interest in nominating a topic for a future AAN guideline. [View the list of guidelines currently under development](#).

You do not need to be an AAN member to submit a topic. With the exception of employees and representatives of for-profit medical industry companies, anyone can submit a topic for AAN Guidelines Subcommittee consideration. If you need assistance completing this form, please reach out to guidelines@aan.com.

Please complete each of the fields in the form below. Questions marked with an asterisk are required. The information you provide will be used to determine the feasibility of the project and the topic's importance to AAN members. Please include specific references where requested.

The subcommittee reviews all topic nominations annually in January or February to determine which projects should be initiated. AAN staff will follow up with topic submitters shortly after the subcommittee review.

Soliciting Feedback from AAN Sections

In this form, you are given the option of requesting feedback from AAN sections on your topic. See the brief FAQ below for details.

What are AAN sections?

AAN sections are communities of neurologists and neuroscience professionals with a common subspecialty or area of interest. Synapse is an AAN member-only, online platform for sections to communicate. [View a list of all AAN sections](#).

Why should I request feedback on my topic from AAN sections?

Feedback from AAN sections on proposed guideline topics gives the AAN Guidelines Subcommittee a more comprehensive understanding of how the proposed guideline topic addresses member needs.

How should I get feedback from sections on my topic?

If you are a current AAN member, we encourage you [to ask for feedback](#) in the section Synapse communities relevant to your topic.

If you are not an AAN member but would still like section feedback, please email guidelines@aan.com for assistance.

First and last name*

[Short answer]

Email address*

[Short answer]

* Required

Section 1: Topic overview

1. Title/topic of proposed guideline:*

[Long answer]

2. State proposed clinical question(s) in PICO format.*

A PICO question includes the following four elements:

Population/Persons/Problem: This highlights the condition or situation that is common and core to the question under consideration.

Intervention: The exposure of interest that the person experiences (e.g., therapy, positive test result, presence of a risk factor)

Co-intervention: An alternative type of exposure that the person could experience (e.g., no therapy, negative test result, absence of a risk factor—sometimes referred to as the “control”)

Outcomes: These are the endpoint measures (preferably meaningful to patients or caregivers) that are compared in the evaluation.

Example: For patients with Bell’s palsy (P), do oral steroids given within the first three days of onset (I), compared with no steroids (C), improve long-term facial functional outcomes (O)?

For assistance framing your question(s) in a PICO format, please contact guidelines@aan.com.

[Long answer]

Section 2: Background on the topic and disease

3. Describe why the topic is important and relevant.*

[Long answer]

4. What is the prevalence of this disease?*

Options:

- Large
- Moderate
- Low

5. How would you rate the amount of practice variation and/or controversy related to this disease?*

Options:

- Large
- Moderate
- Low

* Required

6. How would you rate the cost concerns related to the intervention(s) or condition(s) described in the proposed PICO question?*

Options:

- Large
- Moderate
- Low

7. Do you have further comments related to the relevance, prevalence, controversy, or cost implications of your proposed topic? Please include references.

[Long answer]

Section 3: Patient outcomes

8. Describe how this guideline might improve patient care and outcomes.*

[Long answer]

Section 4: Published evidence

9. Provide up to five references to published evidence related to the proposed PICO question(s) with a focus on evidence that would change current practice patterns.*

References to randomized controlled trials, other clinical trials, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are preferred.

[Long answer]

10. Are there existing guidelines on this topic published by the AAN or other organizations?*

You can search for current AAN guidelines [here](#):

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If yes, please list references to existing guidelines.

[Long answer]

Section 5: Additional information

11. AAN section feedback: We encourage you to solicit feedback on your topic from AAN sections and include the responses you receive in the space below. For more information on obtaining feedback from AAN sections, see the instructions above.

This question is optional.

[Long answer]

12. Provide a list of proposed author panel members, including yourself if you are interested in being an author on the panel. Note that panel member candidates are appointed by the AAN Guidelines Subcommittee. Submission of a topic nomination or being listed as a proposed panel member here does not guarantee authorship.

This question is optional.

[Long answer]

* Required