



Cochrane Methods GRADEing

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Highlight:

We have launched the new GRADE Book, the working group's official source for GRADE, with major changes in GRADE methodology based on decision thresholds.



Research and development

- Advanced methodological research on *decision thresholds* and evidence adaptation within GRADE, including empirical work to inform thresholds for benefits, harms, and resource use across different contexts and health systems. The Cochrane GRADEing Methods Group is an entity of the GRADE Working Group and Cochrane. See our [LinkedIn channel](#)
- Led collaborative studies with Cochrane Review Groups (e.g. MS) and external partners to refine approaches for contextualizing evidence using EtD (Evidence-to-Decision) frameworks, integrating both patient-important outcomes and societal considerations.



Best practice and guidance

- Published the [new version of the GRADE Book](#) (the official GRADE source). In addition, we have published a number of GRADE concept and guidance articles.
- Examples of publications: [GRADE notes 5: comparing a new intervention with an established treatment](#); [defining decision thresholds for judgments on health benefits and harms using the GRADE EtD frameworks](#); [GRADE guidance 37: rating imprecision in a body of evidence on test accuracy](#); [GRADE guidance 39: using GRADE-ADOLOPMENT](#); [GRADE guidance 40: GRADE EtD framework for environmental and occupational health](#); [GRADE Guidance 41: Certainty Ratings: Thresholds Rather Than Categories of Contextualization](#)



Methods implementation

- Decision thresholds were implemented in multiple guidelines, including with the European Commission (EC)
- Cochrane reviews used in multiple EC, professional organization and WHO guidelines using the GRADE approach, e.g. Tuberculosis, cancer screening, multiple sclerosis
- Can-PCC (Canadian Long Covid guidelines) – massive effort to support the work: <https://canpcc.ca/home/> (H. Schünemann PI with funding to multiple Cochrane groups and Cochrane reviews being used in these guidelines).