

CliPEAT: An ethical assessment tool for clinical policies, procedures and guidelines

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Background

- ▶ Policy regulates practice:
 - Care
 - Medication
 - Etiquette
 - ▶ No current tool allows ethical analysis of policies
 - ▶ Ethical validity \neq legal validity
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CLiPEAT

- ▶ Clinical Policy Ethics Assessment Tool (CLiPEAT)
 - ▶ 25 items checklist
 - ▶ Based on the validated research protocol assessment tool RePEAT
 - ▶ Trialled as part of a research project focus on accountability in policies and practice
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CLiPEAT items (I)

- ▶ Design issues
 - Applicable to a clinical field
 - Contextualised
 - ▶ Expertise, commitment and integrity issues
 - Appropriate group of policymakers
 - No conflicts of interests
 - ▶ Risks and benefits
 - Risk assessment
 - Emerging symptoms
 - Benefit optimisation
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CliPEAT items (II)

- ▶ Confidentiality
 - ▶ Informed consent and decisional capacity
 - ▶ Professional accountability
 - Training and experience to practice
 - Evidence-based practice
 - No discrepancies with codes of conduct
 - ▶ Legal accountability
 - Vicarious accountability
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CLiPEAT (III)

- ▶ Other issues
 - Documentation practices
 - Revisions of the policy
 - Final evaluation
 - Additional review by experts

CLiPEAT trial (I)

- ▶ 54 policies and guidelines from LRI ED
- ▶ Analysed and verified in different points in time (14 day interval)
 - 86.4% general mean agreement item by item
- ▶ Three groups of policies:
 - Clinical techniques and competencies
 - General clinical practice
 - Nursing resource management

CLiPEAT trial (II)

- ▶ Policies not ethically validated:
 - 85.7% clinical techniques and competencies
 - 10% general clinical practice
 - 0% nursing resource management (↑ use N/A)
- ▶ Recurrent issues with confidentiality and informed consent

Conclusions

- ▶ Facilitate structured ethical policy analysis
- ▶ Safe to use on the assessment of clinical policies involving human participants



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