**University of Utah Internal Medicine Journal Club Template:**

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**Clinical Practice Guidelines**: “statements that include recommendations intended to optimize patient care. They are informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and harms of alternative care options.” Institute of Medicine: Guidelines We Can Trust

“[A]problem with clinical guidelines is that they are not all equal.” doi:10.1001/jama.2014.12712

Guideline Title:

Any useful supplementary / synopsis articles you found to help analyze? (How did you find them?)

Date of release: (and date of prior guideline, if present)

Scope: (What conditions? What patients? What outcomes?)

Who was included in the guideline committee? (does it include all relevant stakeholders, or is anyone missing? Only subspecialists?)

What literature was considered in the guidelines? (e.g. was it a systematic review, all types of studies?)

How do they assess strength of recommendations and quality of supporting evidence? (How would you explain their rating system to a layperson)

Are there major risks of bias in the recommendations, and were steps taken to minimize that risk?: (funding, conflicts of interest, external review?)

Are there any major shortcomings or strengths to the guidelines themselves or how they are presented? (Do they include cost into the recommendations? Do they give guidance on how to integrate patient preferences/values with the recommendations?)

What would this guideline recommend doing in our clinical vignette?