



Fig. 1: Adherence to methodological standards by hypertension guidelines. Criteria for fulfillment of methodological standards are outlined in Shaneyfelt et al.²⁹ Development = the process of assembling the guideline developers and generating, formatting and targeting the guideline, Evaluation of evidence = the process of identifying, grading and summarizing the evidence, Formulation = the process of making and grading specific recommendations. CAN = 1999 Canadian Recommendations for the Management of Hypertension,²⁰ JNC-VI = The Sixth Report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure,¹⁸ WHO/ISH = 1999 World Health Organization–International Society of Hypertension Guidelines for the Management of Hypertension.²¹

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