

Table 1: Psychosocial criteria for patient selection in clinical practice guidelines

Practice guideline	Subject of guideline							Total
	Cardiac catheter*	Heart transplant	Implant defib	Coronary bypass	Pacemaker	Other test†	Other intervention‡	
With PSC	12	9	5	4	3	4	0	37
Behavioural and psychological issues	7	9	4	4	2	2	0	28
Significant others	2	7	2	1	0	0	0	12
Financial resources	2	6	3	2	2	1	0	16
Social roles	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	8
Environmental circumstances	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	10
With ambiguous PSC	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	8
Without PSC	7	0	3	2	1	3	4	20
Total no. of guidelines§	23	10	8	7	4	8	5	65

Note: Cardiac catheter = cardiac catheterization, implant defib = implantable defibrillator, PSC = psychosocial criteria.

*Cardiac catheterization includes both diagnostic catheterization and therapeutic catheterization (e.g., angioplasty, coronary artery stents).

†Other diagnostic tests include echocardiography, radionuclide imaging, ambulatory electrocardiographic monitoring, cardiac exercise testing, perioperative transesophageal echocardiography and electrocardiography.

‡Other interventions include cardiothoracic surgery, percutaneous intra-aortic balloon pump and ventricular assist devices, cardioversion and defibrillation, and surgical treatment of cardiac arrhythmias.

§Some guidelines address more than one category of psychosocial selection criteria.

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