The methodological quality of guidelines for hospital-acquired pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonia: A systematic review

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Summary

What is known and Objectives

Clinical practice guidelines serve as a framework for physicians to make decisions and to support best practice for optimizing patient care. However, if the guidelines do not address all the important components of optimal care sufficiently, the quality and validity of the guidelines can be reduced. The objectives of this study were to systematically review current guidelines for hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) and ventilator-associated pneumonia.