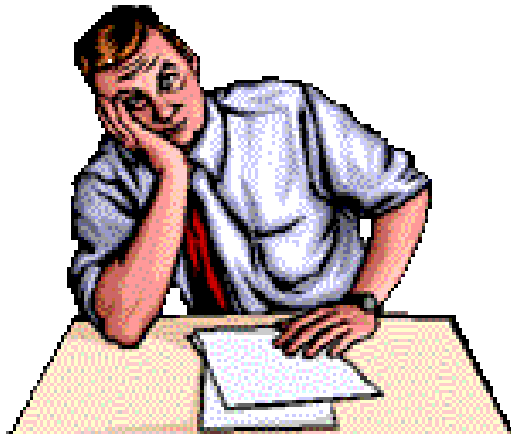


# *Evidence Based Medicine*

*Κατευθυντήριες γραμμές  
για την αντιμετώπιση ασθενών  
στην κλινική πράξη*



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# “Conflict” of interest (ενδια- ή συμ-φέρον)

Τίποτε που να αναφορά τη σημερινή παρουσίαση (μόνο interest χωρίς conflict)

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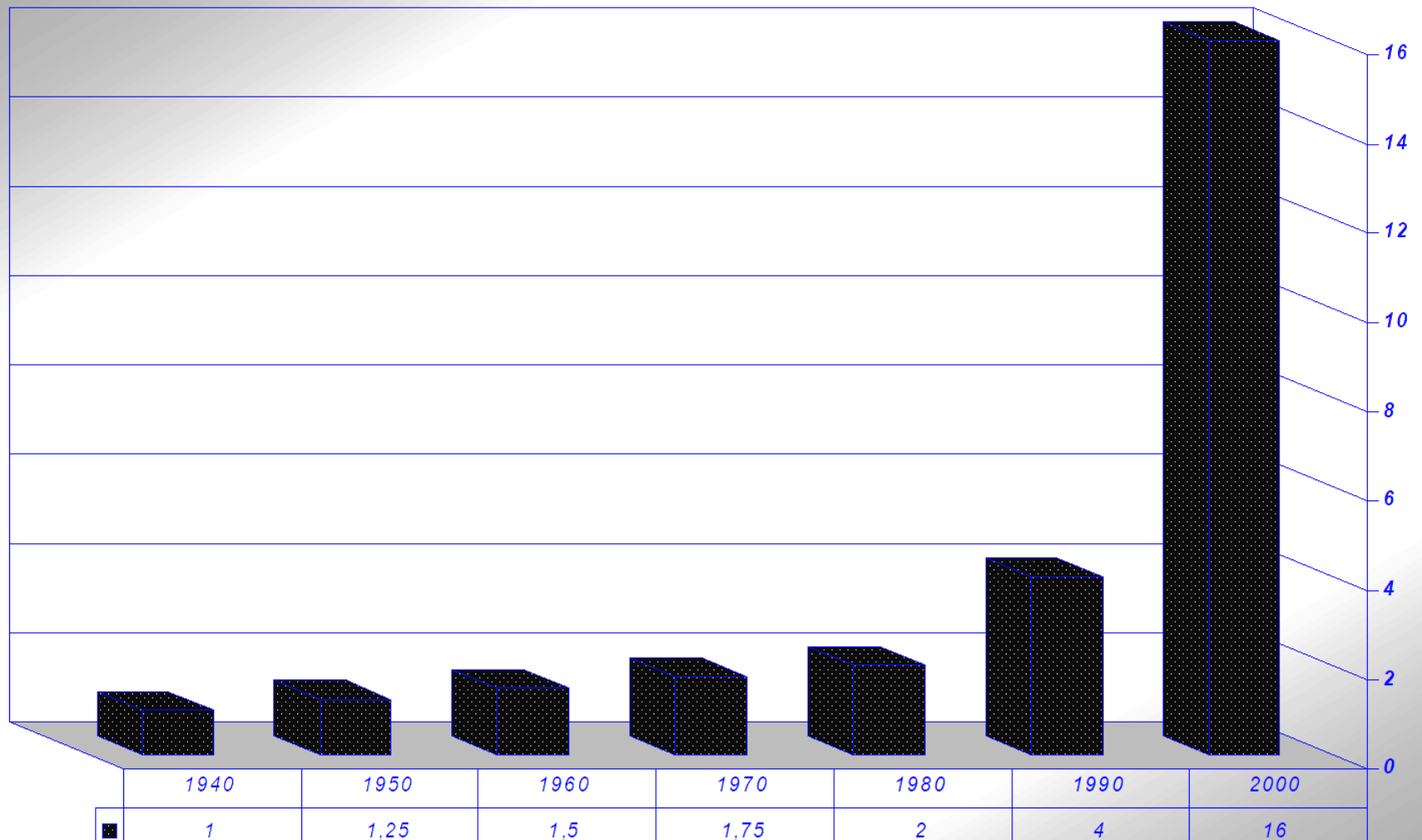
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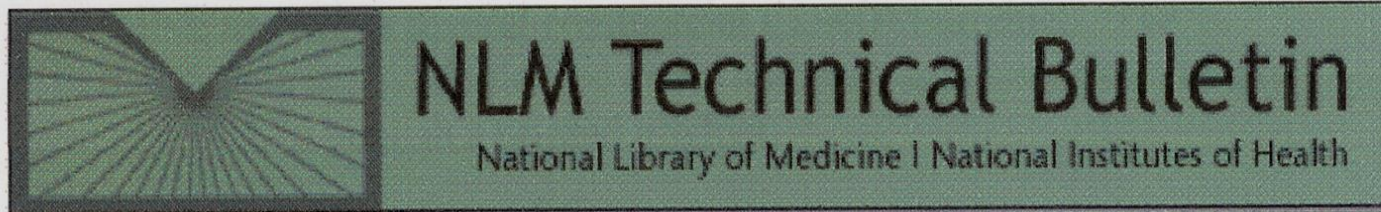
**ΒΑΘΜΟΣ ΤΕΚΜΗΡΙΩΣΗΣ ???**

# Χρόνος διπλασιασμού ιατρικής γνώσης

EBM - Α. Αρμαγανίδης



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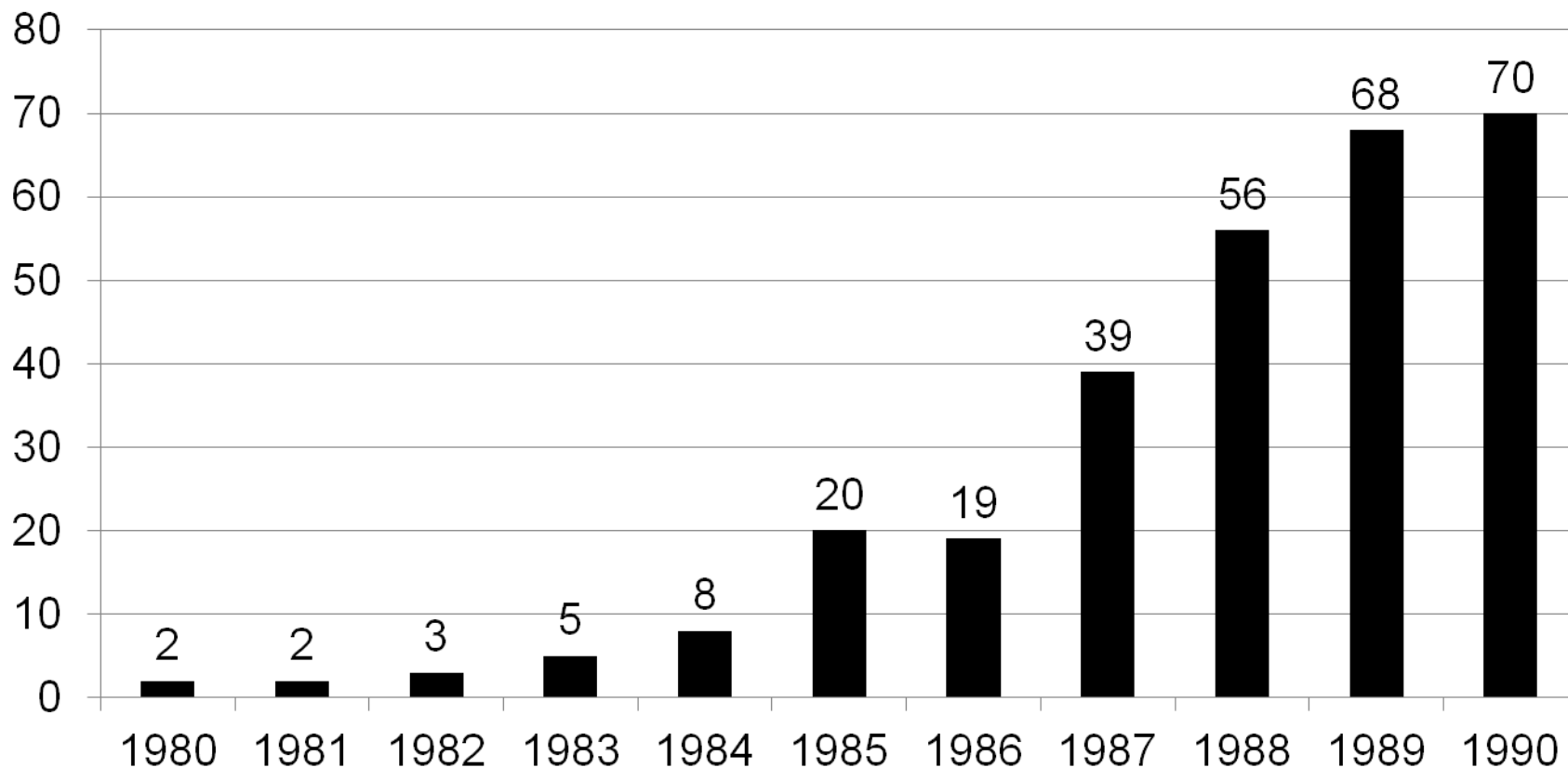
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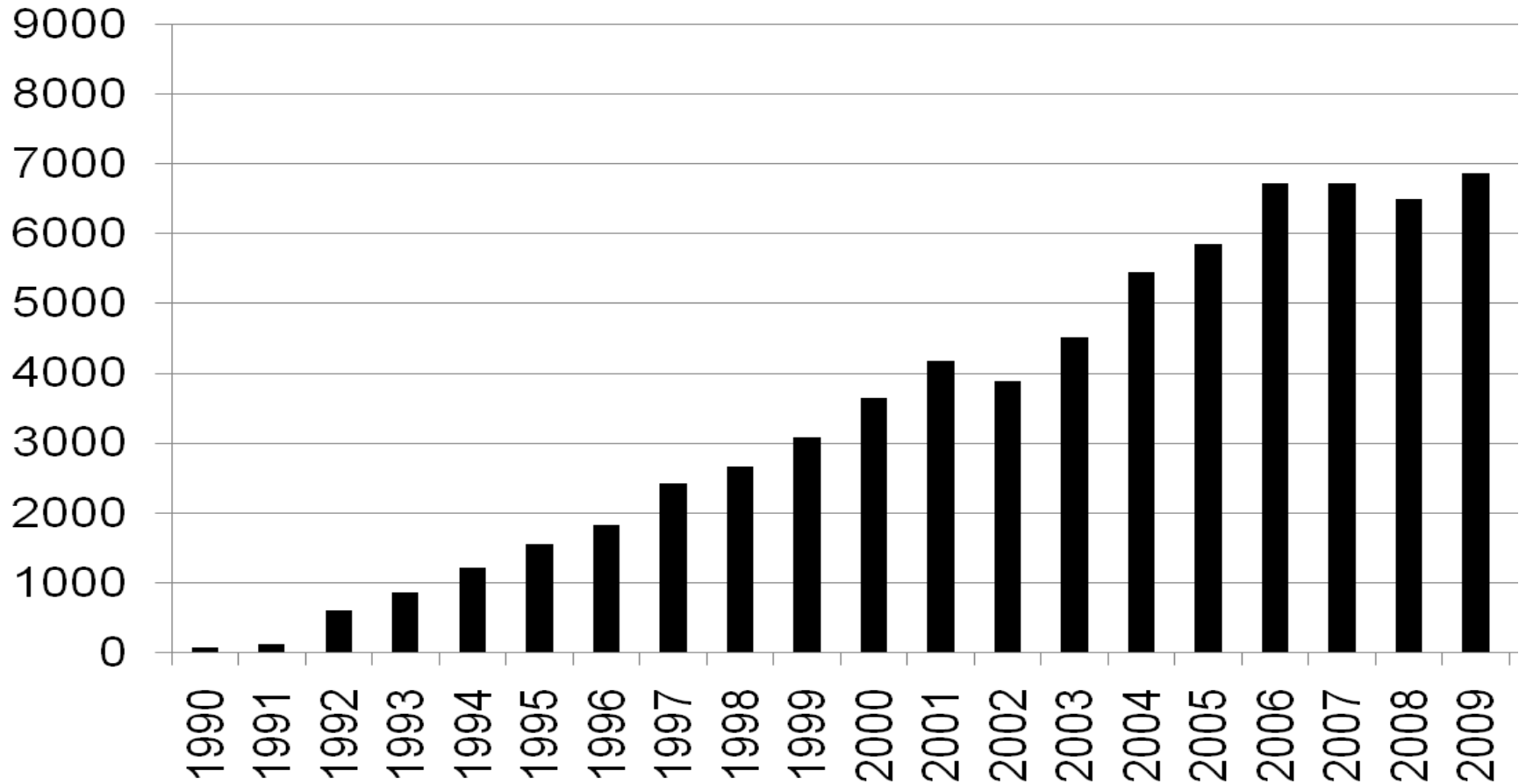
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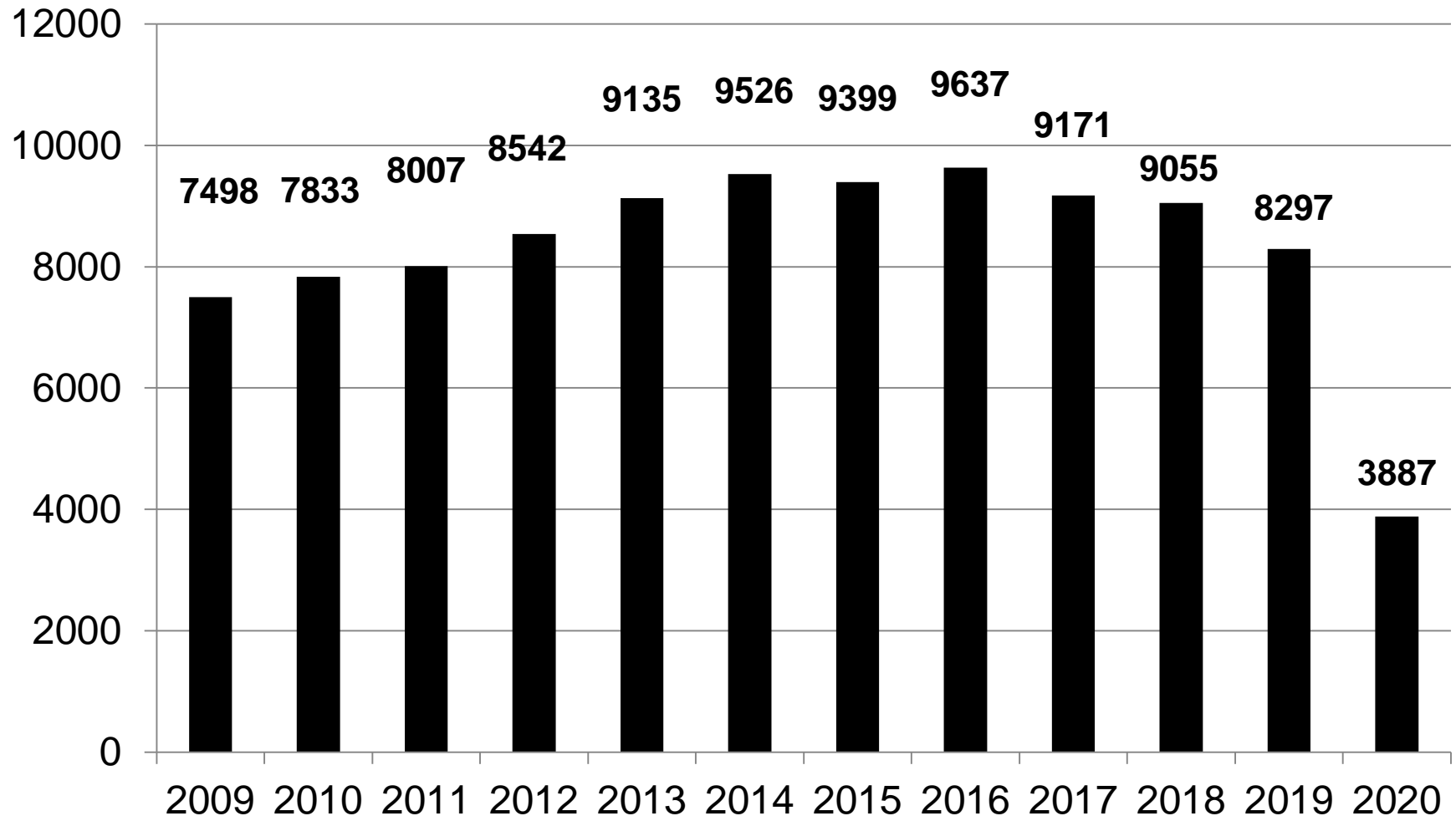


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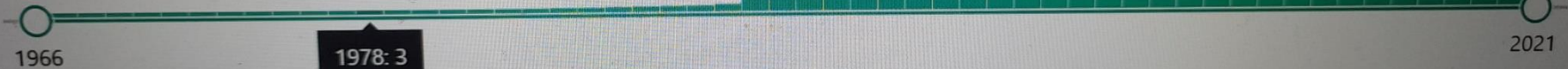
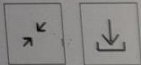
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- **Πραγματική αδυναμία εξαγωγής συμπερασμάτων από τον θεράποντα**
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# SSC Guidelines: evolution of methodological approach

Table 1

Vincent and Marshall, Critical Care Vol 12 (3) 2008

## Evolution of the sepsis guidelines

		Organizations involved	Number of participants	Process
2001	First	1 (ISF)	9 <sup>a</sup>	EBM A to E
2004	Second	3 (ISF, ESICM, SCCM) <sup>b</sup>	24	EBM A to E
2008	Third	16	55	GRADE ?
		Dellinger et al, Crit Care Med Vol 41 (2) 2013		
2012	Fourth	30	68	GRADE*

(?) “Significant education of committee members on the GRADE approach was performed via e-mail before the first committee meeting and at the first meeting”.

(\*) Modified approach of the GRADE SYSTEM

# EBM: “*quality of studies*” in 5 levels

## Quality control of the literature

- **Level I: *large, randomized trials with clear-cut results, low risk of (a) or (b) error***
- **Level II: *small, randomized trials with uncertain results, moderate or high risk of (a) or (b) error***
- **Level III: *non randomized, contemporary controls***
- **Level IV: *non randomized with historical controls***
- **Level V: *case series, uncontrolled studies and expert opinion***

**Sackett DL: Chest 1989**

# Evidence Based Medicine

***Levels of evidence => Grades of certainty***

**Grading of evidence based on the literature**

**Supported by:**

➤ **Grade A: *at least two Level I investigations***

➤ **Grade B: *only one Level I investigation***

➤ *RCTs with low risk of error*

➤ **Grade C: *only Level II investigations***

➤ *RCTs with high risk of error*

➤ **Grade D: *at least one Level III investigation***

➤ *Controlled non randomized studies*

➤ **Grade E: *by Level IV or Level V evidence***

➤ *Uncontrolled studies and expert opinion*



***Sackett DL: Chest 1989***



Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines for management of severe sepsis and septic shock

Θέσεις  
Ομοφωνίας

**«... a scoring system was not used. The goal was total concensus, which was reached in all recommendations except two (sub-recommendations). When there was difference in opinion about grading of a clinical trial, an outside epidemiologist was consulted (only once).**

*The french version of  
Consensus  
conference in the 80s*

# 1. *BOGSAT* technique

Guidelines are created by a:

- **B**unch
- **O**f
- **G**uys
- **S**itting
- **A**round a
- **T**able

## 2. *Delphi* technique

Questions answered  
by experts (*selection?*)  
with agreement  
distribution from 1 to 9

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### **The guidelines process included:**

- **A modified Delphi method**
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## **“The GRADE system”**

**is based on a sequential assessment of the quality of evidence,**

**followed by assessment of the balance between benefits vs. risks, burden and cost**

***(based on a pre-defined approach for the grading of recommendations)***

## ΣΥΣΤΗΜΑ GRADE ΒΑΘΜΟΛΟΓΗΣΗΣ ΔΙΑΘΕΣΙΜΩΝ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΥΤΙΚΩΝ ΧΕΙΡΙΣΜΩΝ

Βαθμός σύστασης	Σχέση ωφέλειας/κινδύνου	Διαθέσιμες μελέτες	Σημασία βαθμολόγησης
1A	Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος (διάφορα outcomes vs. παρενέργειες, κόστος, φόρτος εργασίας)	RCTs** χωρίς μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή αδιαμφισβήτητη τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης	Ισχυρή ένδειξη για το σύνολο των ασθενών
1B	Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος	RCTs** με μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή ισχυρή τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης	Επαρκής ένδειξη για το σύνολο των ασθενών
1C	Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος	Μελέτες παρατήρησης	Επαρκής ένδειξη που δύναται να αλλάξει
2A	Ωφέλεια ≥ Κίνδυνος	RCTs** χωρίς μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή αδιαμφισβήτητη τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης	Ασθενής ένδειξη
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2C	Αμφίβολη σχέση ωφέλειας/κινδύνου	Μελέτες παρατήρησης	Πολύ ασθενής ένδειξη

\*RCTs: τυχαιοποιημένες κλινικές μελέτες

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1B	Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος <b>B</b>	RCTs** με μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή ισχυρή τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης	Επαρκής ένδειξη για το σύνολο των ασθενών
1C	Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος <b>C</b>	Μελέτες παρατήρησης	Επαρκής ένδειξη που δύναται να αλλάξει
2A	Ωφέλεια ≥ Κίνδυνος	RCTs** χωρίς μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή αδιαμφισβήτητη τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης	Ασθενής ένδειξη
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**1 = STRONG  
we  
“recommend”**

**2 = WEAK  
we  
“suggest”**

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***Differences in opinion about interpretation of evidence, wording of proposals, or strength of recommendations (in 2008) were resolved using a specifically developed set of rules***

- Recommendation for direction was given if <20% against (neutral vote allowed)
- Strong (=1) or weak (=2) recommendation:  
> 70% of votes strong=> we recommend  
< 70% of votes => we suggest



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## APPENDIX D

### Recombinant Activated Protein C Nominal Group Vote

Strong for use, 6

Weak for use, 15

Neutral, 1

Weak for not using, 0

Strong for not using, 0

**6/22 =**

**27%**

} ***against***

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## I. Recombinant Human Activated Protein C (rhAPC)

1. We suggest that adult patients with sepsis-induced organ dysfunction associated with a clinical assessment of high risk of death, most of whom will have Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II  $\geq 25$  or multiple organ failure, receive rhAPC if there are no contraindications (grade 2B except for patients within 30 days of surgery, for whom it is grade 2C). Relative contraindications should also be considered in decision making.

Jan Jaeschke, MD;  
Richard Cook, MD, PhD;  
Marco Ranieri, MD;  
Gordon Guyton, MD;  
Sepsis Committee



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## I. Recombinant Human Activated Protein C (rhAPC)

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2. We recommend that adult patients with severe sepsis and low risk of death, most of whom will have APACHE II <20 or one organ failure, do not receive rhAPC (grade 1A).

# C. Glucose Control

## We recommend that

1. *pts with severe sepsis+hyperglycemia who are admitted to the ICU receive intravenous insulin therapy to reduce blood glucose levels*

*(grade 1B).*

2. *all pts receiving IV insulin receive a glucose calorie source and that blood glucose values be monitored every 1–2 hrs until glucose values and insulin infusion rates are stable and then every 4 hrs*

*(grade 1C).*

3. *low glucose levels obtained with point-of-care testing of capillary blood be interpreted with caution, as such measurements may overestimate arterial blood or plasma glucose values*

*(grade 1B).*

4. *We suggest use of a validated protocol for insulin dose adjustments and targeting glucose levels to the 150 mg/dL range*

*(grade 2C).*

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## APPENDIX G

### Glycemic Control Committee Vote

Glycemic control—90%

Total votes = 51

Agree—34

Too conservative, but accept—4

Too liberal, but accept—8

Disapprove, too conservative—0

Disapprove, too liberal—5

Disapprove, other—0

Margaret M. Parker, MD; Roman Jaeschke, MD;  
Beale, MD; Thierry Calandra, MD, PhD;  
i, MD; John Marshall, MD; Marco Ranieri, MD;  
end, MD; Jeffrey S. Vender, MD;  
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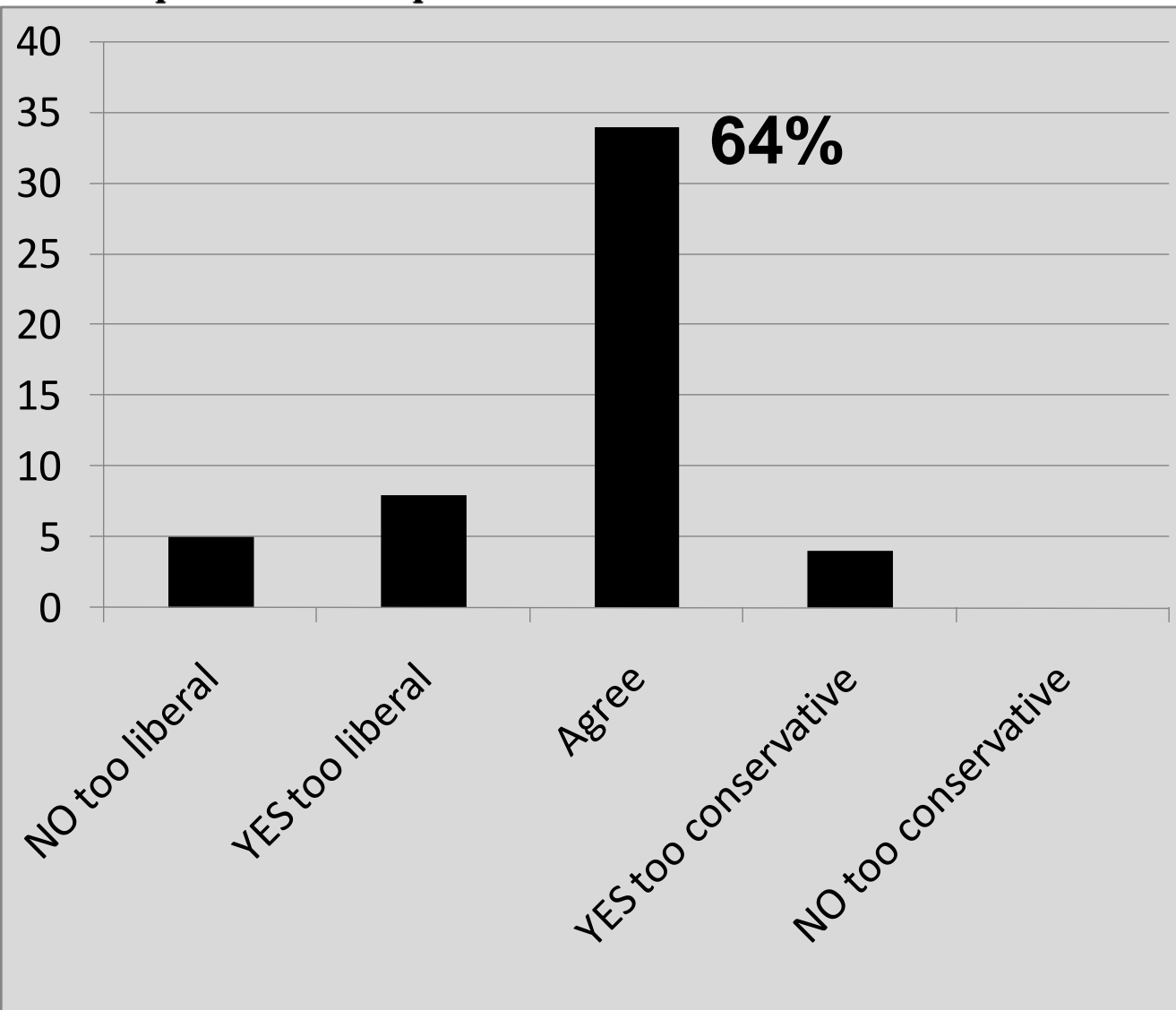
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Too liberal, but

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Disapprove, too

Disapprove, of



# Use of Intensive Insulin Therapy for the Management of Glycemic Control in Hospitalized Patients: A Clinical Practice Guideline From the American College of Physicians

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA; Linda L. Humphrey, MD, MPH; Roger Chou, MD; Vincenza Snow, MD; and Paul Shekelle, MD, PhD, for the Clinical Guidelines Committee of the American College of Physicians\*

**Description:** The American College of Physicians (ACP) developed this guideline to present the evidence for the link between the use of intensive insulin therapy to achieve different glycemic targets and health outcomes in hospitalized patients with or without diabetes mellitus.

**Methods:** Published literature on this topic was identified by using MEDLINE and the Cochrane Library. Additional articles were obtained from systematic reviews and the reference lists of pertinent studies, reviews, and editorials, as well as by consulting experts; unpublished studies on ClinicalTrials.gov were also identified. The literature search included studies published from 1950 through March 2009. Searches were limited to English-language publications. The primary outcomes of interest were short-term mortality and hypoglycemia. This guideline grades the evidence and recommendations by using the ACP clinical practice guidelines grading system.

**Recommendation 1:** ACP recommends not using intensive insulin therapy to strictly control blood glucose in non-surgical intensive

care unit (SICU)/medical intensive care unit (MICU) patients with or without diabetes mellitus (Grade: strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).

**Recommendation 2:** ACP recommends not using intensive insulin therapy to normalize blood glucose in SICU/MICU patients with or without diabetes mellitus (Grade: strong recommendation, high-quality evidence).

**Recommendation 3:** ACP recommends a target blood glucose level of 7.8 to 11.1 mmol/L (140 to 200 mg/dL) if insulin therapy is used in SICU/MICU patients (Grade: weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence).



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# **Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2012**

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- **Other supportive therapy of Severe Sepsis**
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**58 pages, 636 references**



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**TABLE 1. CATEGORIES INDICATING THE STRENGTH OF EACH RECOMMENDATION FOR OR AGAINST ITS USE IN THE TREATMENT OF FUNGAL INFECTIONS**

Category	Limper et al 2010 ATS Guidelines for fungal infection
A	Good evidence to support a recommendation for use
B	Moderate evidence to support a recommendation for use
C	Poor evidence to support a recommendation for or against use
D	Moderate evidence to support a recommendation against use
E	Good evidence to support a recommendation against use

**TABLE 2. GRADES OF EVIDENCE QUALITY ON WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED**

Grade	Level	Definition
I	Evidence from at least 1 properly randomized, controlled trial	Evidence from at least 1 well-designed clinical trial without randomization, from cohort or case-controlled analytic studies (preferably from > 1 center), from multiple patient series studies, or from dramatic results of uncontrolled experiments
II	Evidence from opinions of respected authorities, that is based on clinical experience, descriptive studies, or reports of expert committees.	
III		

# Therapy for the management of glycemic patients: A Clinical Practice Guideline From Physicians

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				B
We recommend/ We suggest	Grade	2	C	Μελέτες παρατήρησης
			D	RCTs** χωρίς μεθοδολογικά προβλήματα και περιορισμούς ή αδιαμφισβήτητη τεκμηρίωση από μελέτες παρατήρησης
			Ωφέλεια >>> Κίνδυνος	Επαρκής ένδειξη για το σύνολο των ασθενών
			Ωφέλεια ≥ Κίνδυνος	Επαρκής ένδειξη που δύναται να αλλάξει
			Ωφέλεια ≥ Κίνδυνος	Ασθενής ένδειξη
			Αμφίβολη σχέση ωφέλειας/κινδύνου	Ασθενής ένδειξη
				Πολύ ασθενής ένδειξη

Πως αλλάζει το «Level» στο «Grade» με βάση την «Expert Opinion» ή Η εκδίκηση των Experts (βαθμός ≠ ποιότητα μελετών τεκμηρίωσης)

\*RCTs: τυχαιοποιημένες κλινικές μελέτες and **D** = very low GRADE in SSC  
 SSC 2012 **UG** = non conducive for GRADE = Un Graded

# SSC and the role of Guidelines

A **strong** recommendation in favor of an intervention reflects the panel's evaluation or opinion if:

the desirable effects  
of adherence to a recommendation  
will clearly outweigh the undesirable effects

beneficial	<b>Health Outcome</b>	harm
less	<b>Burden on staff and pts</b>	more
savings	<b>Cost</b>	greater

**(In most but not in every individual patient  
OR in every environment or country)**

# Διάγραμμα Παρουσίασης

- Σύγχρονη ιστορία των *Guidelines* (40 χρόνια)
- Σύντομη παρουσίαση της μεθοδολογίας των *Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines* (αλλαγές στη μεθοδολογία διαμόρφωσης των *Guidelines* και επιπτώσεις για την κλινική πράξη)
- *From “Grades of Evidence” to the “GRADE” SYSTEM (and modified “systems”)*
- ***Clinical Practice Guidelines: αξιολόγηση και εφαρμογή στην κλινική πράξη***

# Presentation Outline

- *Brief presentation of all 4 versions of Survival Sepsis Campaign Guidelines with emphasis on Methodological differences and their importance*
- *From Grades of Evidence to the "GRADE" SYSTEM (and modified or other "grading systems")*
- ***"Clinical Practice Guidelines" (in decision making): terminology, evaluation and usefulness for clinical practice in the "real ICU world"***



# *Evidence Based Medicine*

**A. Αρμαγανίδης**

Ιατρική Σχολή Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών

*Μεθοδολογία δημιουργίας και χρήση  
κατευθυντήριων γραμμών  
κλινικής πρακτικής  
(Clinical Practice Guidelines)*



# ***Guidelines: ΣΥΜΠΕΡΑΣΜΑ***

- Οι κατευθυντήριες γραμμές ποικίλλουν ως προς τους στόχους και την προοπτική τους καθώς επίσης και ως προς τη μεθοδολογική ακρίβεια με την οποία συγκεντρώνονται.
- Επομένως πριν να εφαρμόσει τις όποιες κατευθυντήριες γραμμές, ο ιατρός πρέπει να αξιολογήσει την εγκυρότητά τους καθώς και τη δυνατότητα εφαρμογής τους σε κάθε ασθενή ξεχωριστά.

# EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE

Friedland et al 1998

**Οι υπεύθυνοι για ανάπτυξη Guidelines πρέπει να προσδιορίσουν:**

- **την πηγή της χρηματοδότησής τους,**
- **τους επαγγελματικούς τους τίτλους και**
- **τις επαγγελματικές, ακαδημαϊκές ή εμπορικές διασυνδέσεις τους**

# EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE

Friedland et al 1998

## Αυτό βοηθά

- να αξιολογήσουμε τους στόχους και την προοπτική των Guidelines και
- να εντοπίσουμε συστηματικά σφάλματα που ευνοούν την οργάνωση που χρηματοδοτεί ή υποστηρίζει γενικά τους συγγραφείς

# EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE

Friedland et al 1998

- Ο προσδιορισμός του στόχου και της προοπτικής των Guidelines βοηθά να καθορίσουμε αν αυτά είναι σύμφωνα με τους δικούς μας στόχους.
- Για παράδειγμα τα Guidelines που προορίζονται να μειώσουν τις δαπάνες είναι πιθανό να μην βελτιώνουν την ποιότητα της φροντίδας του ασθενή μας.

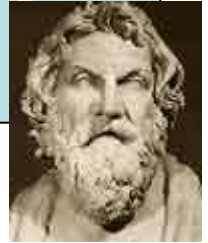
# ***16 societies have endorsed the guidelines in 2008 but 2 societies elected not to***

- The Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society was one of these, concluding that
- the guidelines do not represent current practice in Australasia
- some of the recommendations are the subject of ongoing clinical trials

While strongly supporting the guidelines process, the Society worry that guidelines might be used in local quality-improvement programmes, leading to imposition of practices that are inferior to current practices

**Vincent and Marshall Crit Care 2008**

**«Αρχή σοφίας η των ονομάτων επίσκεψις»  
Αντισθένης (445 -360 π.Χ.)**



**Guidelines ΔΕΝ σημαίνει:**

- Κανόνες ; (rules)
- Αρχές αντιμετώπισης ; (principles)
- Οδηγίες ; (instructions – manual ?)

2011

**Σημαίνει: ΚΑΤΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΡΙΕΣ ΓΡΑΜΜΕΣ**


- Παράδειγμα: πλοήγηση για Κρήτη
- Σημασία μετάφρασης: οικονομικά αλλά και νομικά θέματα, π.χ. ασφαλιστικές εταιρείες (αρνητικά ή θετικά = πληρωμή και bonus!)

# Law Would Grant 'Safe Harbor' to Docs Who Follow Guidelines

Mark Crane | March 06, 2014

Physicians who are Medicare and Medicaid providers would be granted increased liability protection if they can document adherence to clinical guidelines, according to a bill introduced in Congress this week.

The Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act, introduced by Reps. Andy Barr (R-KY) and Ami Bera (D-CA), would create a «safe harbor» for physicians who follow best practice guidelines

**B**  **OME**



*In the era of  
**PERSONALIZED MEDICINE**  
should we believe that  
**ONE SIZE FITS ALL?***

**The same approach could (or even more) must be used:**

**In all critically ill patients ?**

**In excluded from RCTs patients?**

**In the management of “syndromes”?**



Τι να (μην) κάνουμε ;



(Γ)



The Guidelines  
*are NOT*  
Commendments



(B)

ΣΤΑΤΙΣΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΥΓΕΙΑ  
Γρηγόρης Χλουβεράκης  
2009

Athens - Greece  
31st May -1st June 2013



ESCMID

EUROPEAN SOCIETY  
OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY  
AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Hot Topics on Infections in the Critically Ill Patient

Organized by the ESG CIP In co-operation with the Hellenic Society  
of Chemotherapy National School of Public Health Athens- Greece

# An appraisal of the usefulness of Guidelines in the management of severe infections



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# SSC and the role of Guidelines

Resource limitations in some institutions and countries may prevent physicians from accomplishing particular recommendations

Thus, these recommendations are intended to be best practice

(the committee considers this a goal for clinical practice and

not created to represent standard of care).

**Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2012**

# SSC and the role of Guidelines

The implications of calling a recommendation strong are that most well-informed patients would accept that intervention and that most clinicians should use it in most situations. Circumstances may exist in which a strong recommendation cannot or should not be followed for an individual because of that patient's preferences or clinical characteristics that make the recommendation less applicable. A strong recommendation does not automatically imply standard of care. For example, the strong recommendation

## **Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2012**

## **How to use these guidelines (Part I)**

These ERS/ATS evidence-based guidelines for the use of NIV in critically ill patients provide the basis for stakeholders to make rational, informed decisions.

Clinicians, patients, third-party payers, institutional review committees, other stakeholders or the courts should never view these recommendations as dictates.

## **How to use these guidelines (Part II)**

No recommendation can take into account all of the often-compelling unique individual clinical circumstances.

No one charged with evaluating a healthcare professional's actions should view these recommendations as absolute.

It is the individual responsibility of health professionals to consult other sources of relevant information, to make appropriate and accurate decisions in consideration of each patient's health condition and in consultation with the patient and the patient's caregiver.

# Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016

Andrew Rhodes<sup>1\*</sup>, Laura E. Evans<sup>2</sup>, Waleed Alhazzani<sup>3</sup>, Mitchell M. Levy<sup>4</sup>, Massimo Antonelli<sup>5</sup>, Ricard Ferrer<sup>6</sup>,

**Table 3** Comparison of 2016 grading terminology with previous alphanumeric descriptors

	2016 Descriptor	2012 Descriptor
Strength	Strong	1
	Weak	2
Quality	High	A
	Moderate	B
	Low	C
	Very Low	D
Ungraded strong recommendation	Best Practice Statement	Ungraded

2012 RECOMMENDATIONS	2016 RECOMMENDATIONS
<p><b>A. INITIAL RESUSCITATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protocolized, quantitative resuscitation of patients with sepsis-induced tissue hypoperfusion (defined in this document as hypotension persisting after initial fluid challenge or blood lactate concentration <math>\geq 4</math> mmol/L). Goals during the first 6 hours of resuscitation:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central venous pressure 8–12 mm Hg</li> <li>Mean arterial pressure <math>\geq 65</math> mm Hg</li> <li>Urine output <math>\geq 0.5</math> mL/kg/hr</li> <li>Central venous (superior vena cava) or mixed venous oxygen saturation 70% or 65%, respectively (grade 1C).</li> </ol> </li> <li>In patients with elevated lactate levels targeting resuscitation to normalize lactate (grade 2C).</li> </ol>	<p><b>A. INITIAL RESUSCITATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sepsis and septic shock are medical emergencies, and we recommend that treatment and resuscitation begin immediately (BPS).</li> <li>We recommend that, in the resuscitation from sepsis-induced hypoperfusion, at least 30 mL/kg of IV crystalloid fluid be given within the first 3 hours (strong recommendation, low quality of evidence).</li> <li>We recommend that, following initial fluid resuscitation, additional fluids be guided by frequent reassessment of hemodynamic status (BPS). Remarks: Reassessment should include a thorough clinical examination and evaluation of available physiologic variables (heart rate, blood pressure, arterial oxygen saturation, respiratory rate, temperature, urine output, and others as available) as well as other noninvasive or invasive monitoring, as available.</li> <li>We recommend further hemodynamic assessment (such as assessing cardiac function) to determine the type of shock if the clinical examination does not lead to a clear diagnosis (BPS).</li> <li>We suggest that dynamic over static variables be used to predict fluid responsiveness, where available (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).</li> <li>We recommend an initial target mean arterial pressure of 65 mmHg in patients with septic shock requiring vasopressors (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).</li> <li>We suggest guiding resuscitation to normalize lactate in patients with elevated lactate levels as a marker of tissue hypoperfusion (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).</li> </ol>
<p>5. We suggest that dynamic over static variables be used to predict fluid responsiveness, where available (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).</p>	



- Administration of effective IV antimicrobials within the first hour of recognition of septic shock (grade 1B) and severe sepsis without septic shock (grade 1C) as the goal of therapy.
- Initial empiric antiinfective therapy of one or more drugs that have activity against all likely pathogens (bacterial and/or fungal or viral) and that penetrate in adequate concentrations into tissues presumed to be the source of sepsis (grade 1B).
- Antimicrobial regimen should be reassessed daily for potential de-escalation (grade 1B).
- Use of low procalcitonin levels or similar biomarkers to assist the clinician in the discontinuation of empiric antibiotics in patients who initially appeared septic, but have no subsequent evidence of infection (grade 2C).
- Combination empirical therapy for neutropenic patients with severe sepsis (grade 2B) and for patients with difficult-to-treat, multidrug-resistant bacterial pathogens such as *Acinetobacter* and *Pseudomonas* species (grade 2B). For patients with severe infections associated with respiratory failure and septic shock, combination therapy with an extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactam and either an aminoglycoside or a fluoroquinolone for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacteremia (grade 2B). A combination of  $\beta$ -lactam and macrolide for patients with septic shock from bacteremic *Streptococcus pneumoniae* infections (grade 2B).
- Empiric combination therapy should not be administered for more than 3 to 5 days. De-escalation to the most appropriate single therapy should be performed as soon as the susceptibility profile is known (grade 2B).
- Duration of therapy typically 7 to 10 days; longer courses may be appropriate in patients who have a slow clinical response, undrainable foci of infection, bacteremia with *Staphylococcus aureus*, some fungal and viral infections, or immunologic deficiencies, including neutropenia (grade 2C).
- Antiviral therapy initiated as early as possible in patients with severe sepsis or septic shock of viral origin (grade 2C).
- Antimicrobial agents should not be used in patients with severe inflammatory states determined to be of noninfectious cause (UG).

**1 B = 2, 1C = 1**

**2012**

**2 B = 2, 2C = 3, UG = 1**

**3 Strong + Moderate  
7 Weak + Low quality**

**5 BPS =**

**Best Practice  
Statement**

**2016**

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- We recommend that administration of IV antimicrobials be initiated as soon as possible after recognition and within one hour for both sepsis and septic shock (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).
- We recommend empiric broad-spectrum therapy with one or more antimicrobials for patients presenting with sepsis or septic shock to cover all likely pathogens (including bacterial and potentially fungal or viral coverage) (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).
- We recommend that antimicrobial therapy is narrowed once pathogen identification and sensitivities are established and/or adequate clinical improvement is noted (BPS).
- We recommend against sustained systemic antimicrobial prophylaxis in patients with severe inflammatory states of noninfectious origin (e.g., severe pancreatitis, burn injury) (BPS).
- We recommend that dosing strategies of antimicrobials be optimized based on accepted pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic principles and specific drug properties in patients with sepsis or septic shock (BPS).
- We suggest empiric combination therapy (using at least two antibiotics of different antimicrobial classes) aimed at the most likely bacterial pathogen(s) for the initial management of septic shock (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).  
Remarks: Readers should review Table 6 for definitions of empiric, targeted/definitive, broad-spectrum, combination, and multidrug therapy before reading this section.
- We suggest that combination therapy not be routinely used for ongoing treatment of most other serious infections, including bacteremia and sepsis without shock (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).  
Remarks: This does not preclude the use of multidrug therapy to broaden antimicrobial activity.
- We recommend against combination therapy for the routine treatment of neutropenic sepsis/bacteremia (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).  
Remarks: This does not preclude the use of multidrug therapy to broaden antimicrobial activity.
- If combination therapy is used for septic shock, we recommend de-escalation with discontinuation of combination therapy within the first few days in response to clinical improvement and/or evidence of infection resolution. This applies to both targeted (for culture-positive infections) and empiric (for culture-negative infections) combination therapy (BPS).
- We suggest that an antimicrobial treatment duration of 7 to 10 days is adequate for most serious infections associated with sepsis and septic shock (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).
- We suggest that longer courses are appropriate in patients who have a slow clinical response, undrainable foci of infection, bacteremia with *Staphylococcus aureus*, some fungal and viral infections, or immunologic deficiencies, including neutropenia (Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).
- We suggest that shorter courses are appropriate in some patients, particularly those with rapid clinical resolution following effective source control of intra-abdominal or urinary sepsis and those with anatomically uncomplicated pyelonephritis (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).
- We recommend daily assessment for de-escalation of antimicrobial therapy in patients with sepsis and septic shock (BPS).
- We suggest that measurement of procalcitonin levels can be used to support shortening the duration of antimicrobial therapy in sepsis patients (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).
- We suggest that procalcitonin levels can be used to support the discontinuation of empiric antibiotics in patients who initially appeared to have sepsis, but subsequently have limited clinical evidence of infection (weak recommendation, low quality of evidence).

- Give AB early for all
- + Broad spectrum
- tt narrowed if ...\*
- Against prophylaxis\*
- Optimize dosing\*
- Empiric therapy
- Combination therapy
- Combination therapy
- Combination therapy\*
- 7-10 days but ...
- Longer courses ...
- Shorter courses ...
- De-escalation (BPS)\*
- PCT for shortening
- PCT+ discontinuation

## Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines

### SSC Guidelines 2012

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7. Duration of therapy typically 7 to 10 days; longer courses may be appropriate in patients who have a slow clinical response, undrainable foci of infection, bacteremia with *Staphylococcus aureus*, some fungal and viral infections, or immunologic deficiencies, including neutropenia (grade 2C).

### SSC Guidelines 2016

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# Η PCT στην κλινική πράξη 2012 -2016

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: *Intensive Care Med (2017) 43:304–377*

## International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016

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### **SSC Guidelines 2012**

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### **SSC Guidelines 2016**

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# Surviving Sepsis Campaign management of severe

## APPENDIX G

### Glycemic Control

Glycemic control

Total votes = 50

Agree—34

Too conservative

Too liberal, but

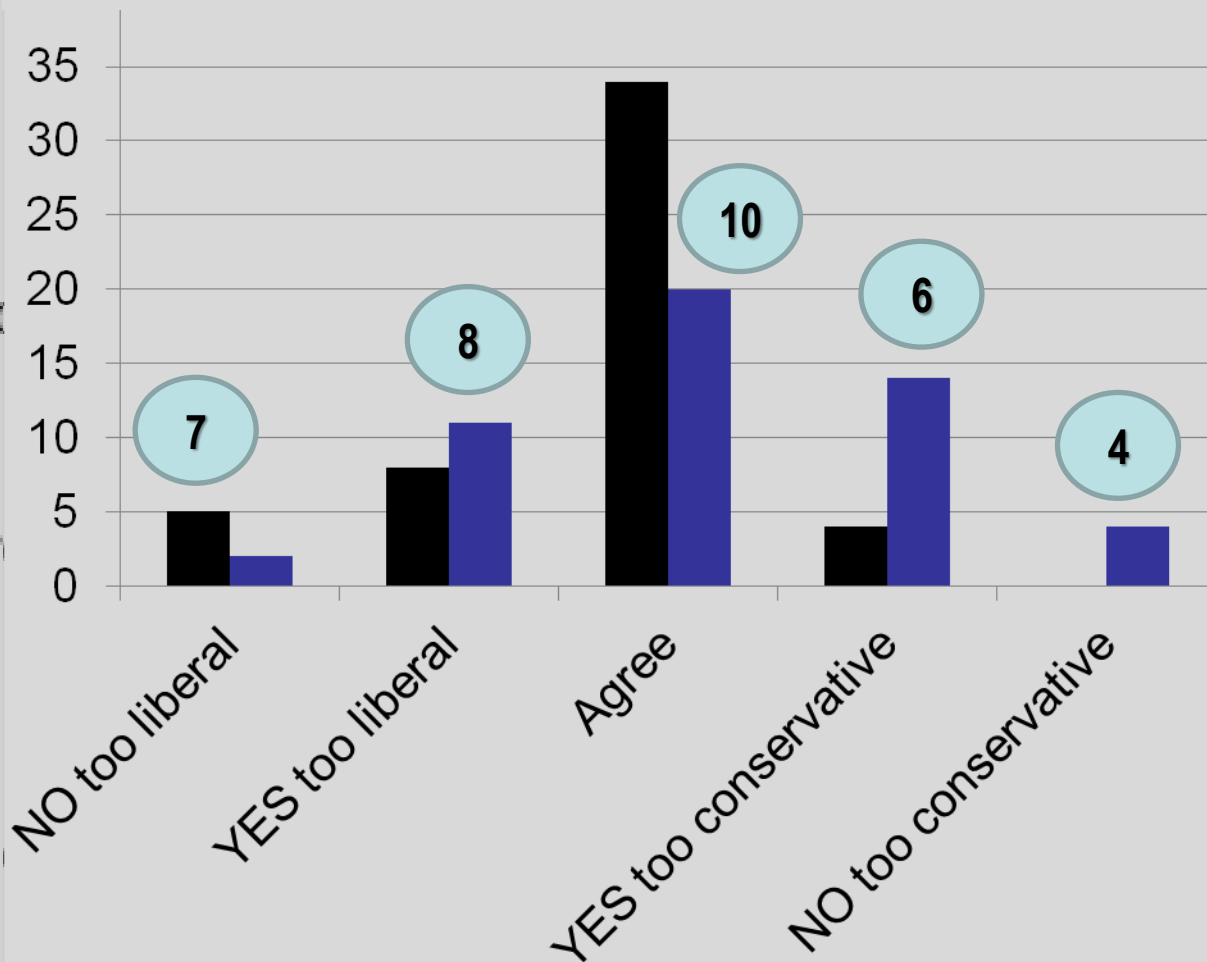
Disapprove, too

Disapprove, too

Disapprove, other

### Προτεινόμενος τύπος εξετάσεων από το College des Enseignants de Reanimation

σε συγκεκριμένο ασθενή

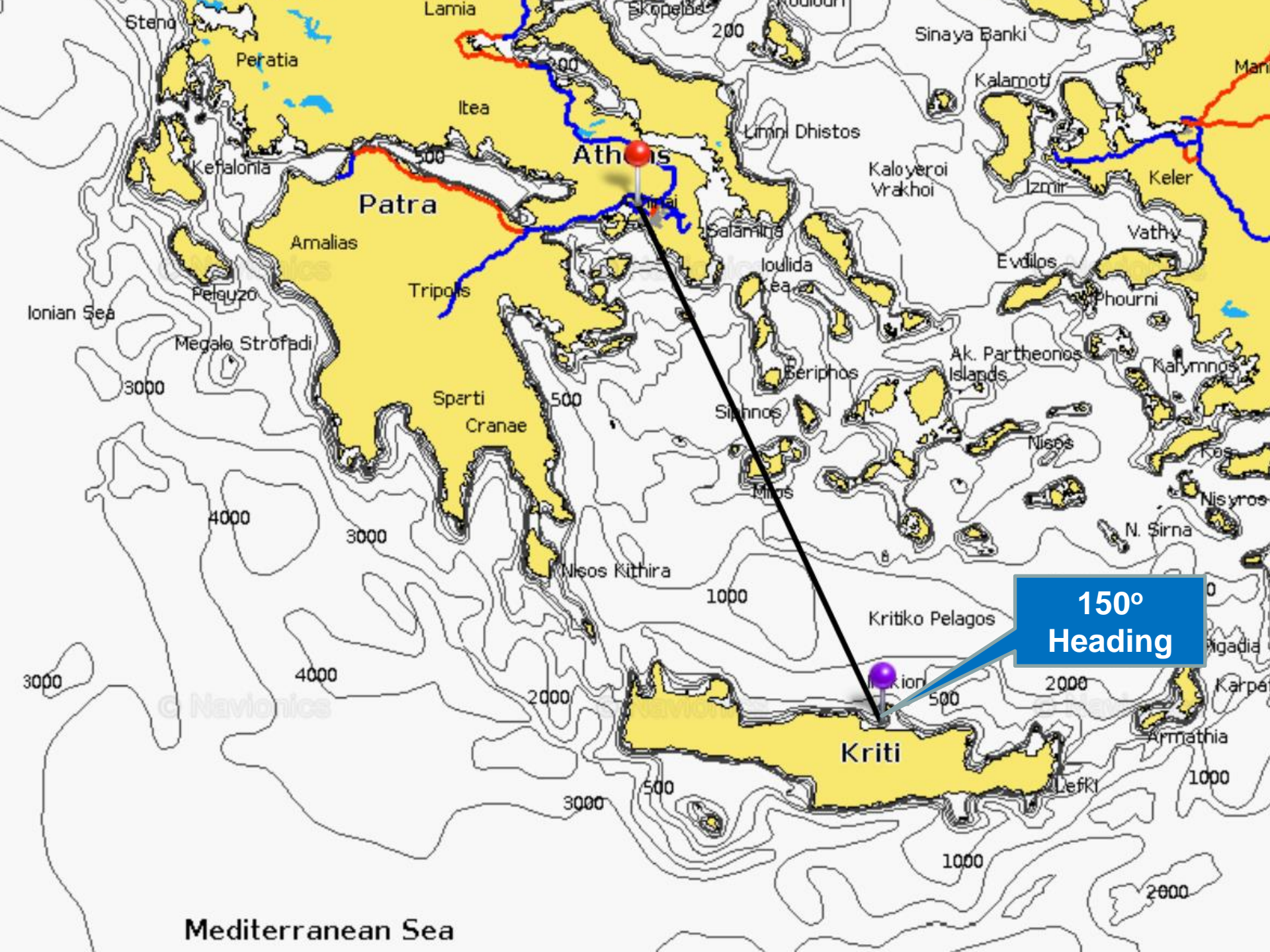


# The role of Guidelines

The recommendations in this document are intended to **provide guidance** for the clinician caring for a patient with severe sepsis or septic shock.

Recommendations from these guidelines **cannot replace the clinician's decision-making capability** when he is presented with a patient's unique set of clinical variables.

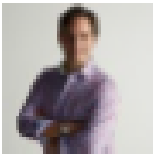
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Heading

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## Πλοήγηση από Πειραιά για Κρήτη

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# Why You Need to Give Your Team a Compass, Not a GPS

Shifting terrain, unexpected roadblocks, and surprise attacks can be conquered only by travelers who can think and act without detailed instructions.



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# **Why You Need to Give Your Team a Compass, Not a GPS**

A GPS is certainly a handy tool to help you reach your destination. When the map is accurate, you can sit back and follow your course, no thinking required.

Your brain can really take a vacation if you're using the GPS guidance in your car or Google Map exactly how to navigate every twist and turn, you can focus elsewhere and simply comply.



# **Why You Need to Give Your Team a Compass, Not a Map**

Management-by-operating-manuals worked fine back in the days when markets were local, customers were homogenous, product cycles occurred over decades, and complexity was minimal. \*

Workers didn't need to think all that much on their own, as long as following the map would ensure their safe arrival.

# **Why You Need to Give Your Team a Compass, Not a Map**

When teams or organizations turn off their brains and simply follow the map, progress shrivels.

Shifting terrain, unexpected roadblocks, and surprise attacks can be conquered only by travelers who can think and act without detailed instructions.

**ΣΥΝΟΨΗ**  
**ΒΑΣΙΚΑ ΣΗΜΕΙΑ**  
**και**  
**ΣΥΜΠΕΡΑΣΜΑΤΑ**  
**(εικονογραφημένα)**

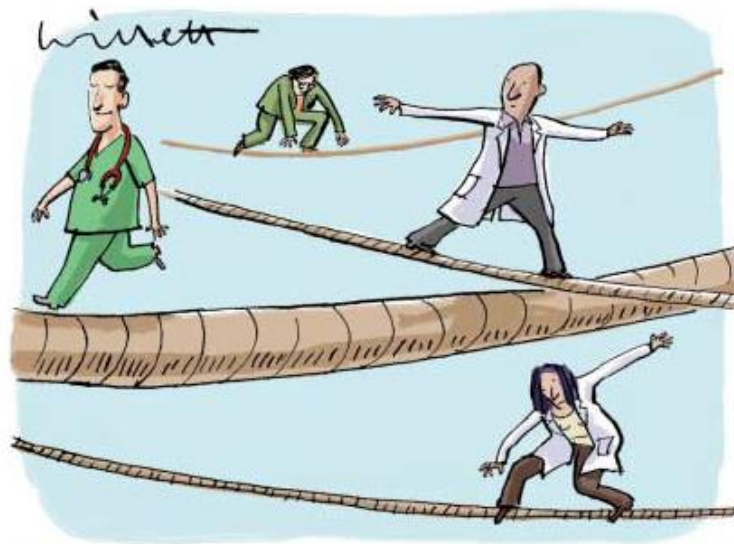
### Grading quality of evidence and strength of recommendations

GRADE Working Group

Clinical guidelines are only as good as the evidence and judgments they are based on. The GRADE approach aims to make it easier for users to assess the judgments behind recommendations

#### Summary

Users of clinical practice guidelines and other recommendations need to know how much confidence they can place in the recommendations. Systematic and explicit methods of making judgments can reduce errors and improve communication. We have developed a system for grading the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations that can be applied across a wide range of interventions and contexts. In this article we present a summary of our approach from the perspective of a guideline user. Judgments about the strength of a recommendation require consideration of the balance between benefits and harms, the quality of the evidence, translation of the evidence into specific circumstances, and the certainty of the baseline risk. It is also important to consider costs (resource utilisation) before making a recommendation. Inconsistencies among systems for



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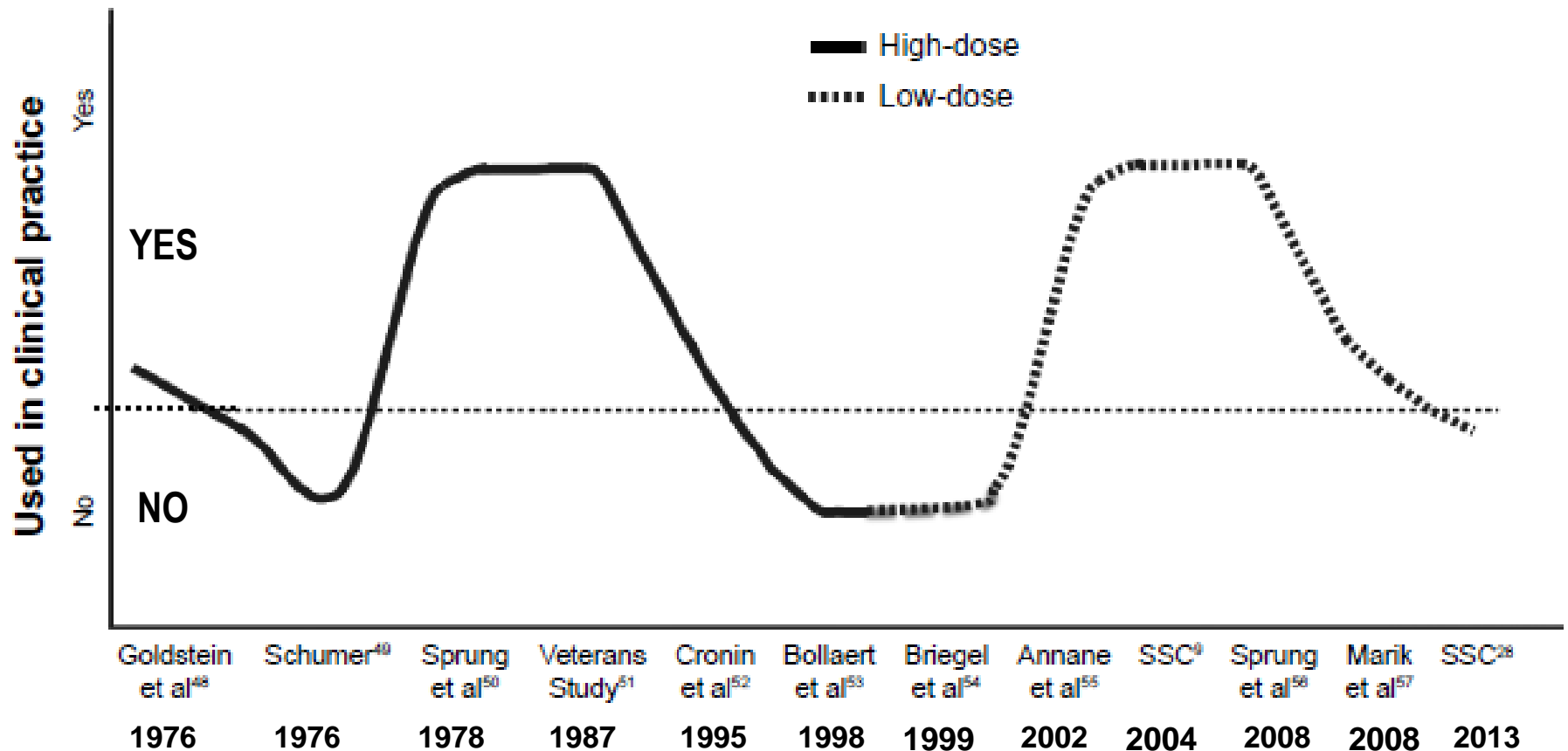


Figure 2 Steroids for treatment of infections, sepsis, and septic shock – ups and downs. Abbreviations: SSC, Surviving Sepsis Campaign.

# *One size DOES NOT fits all*



«ΠΡΟΚΡΟΥΣΤΗΣ»  
ΚΕΕΛΠΝΟ



*Luciano Gattinoni ???*  
Guidelines for Saturday night  
or for Monday morning ???

To study the phenomenon of disease without books is to sail uncharted sea, while to study books without patients is not to go to sea at all.

*William Osler*



# Evidence Based Medicine: the wolf in sheep's clothing [Cassiere et al 1998](#)

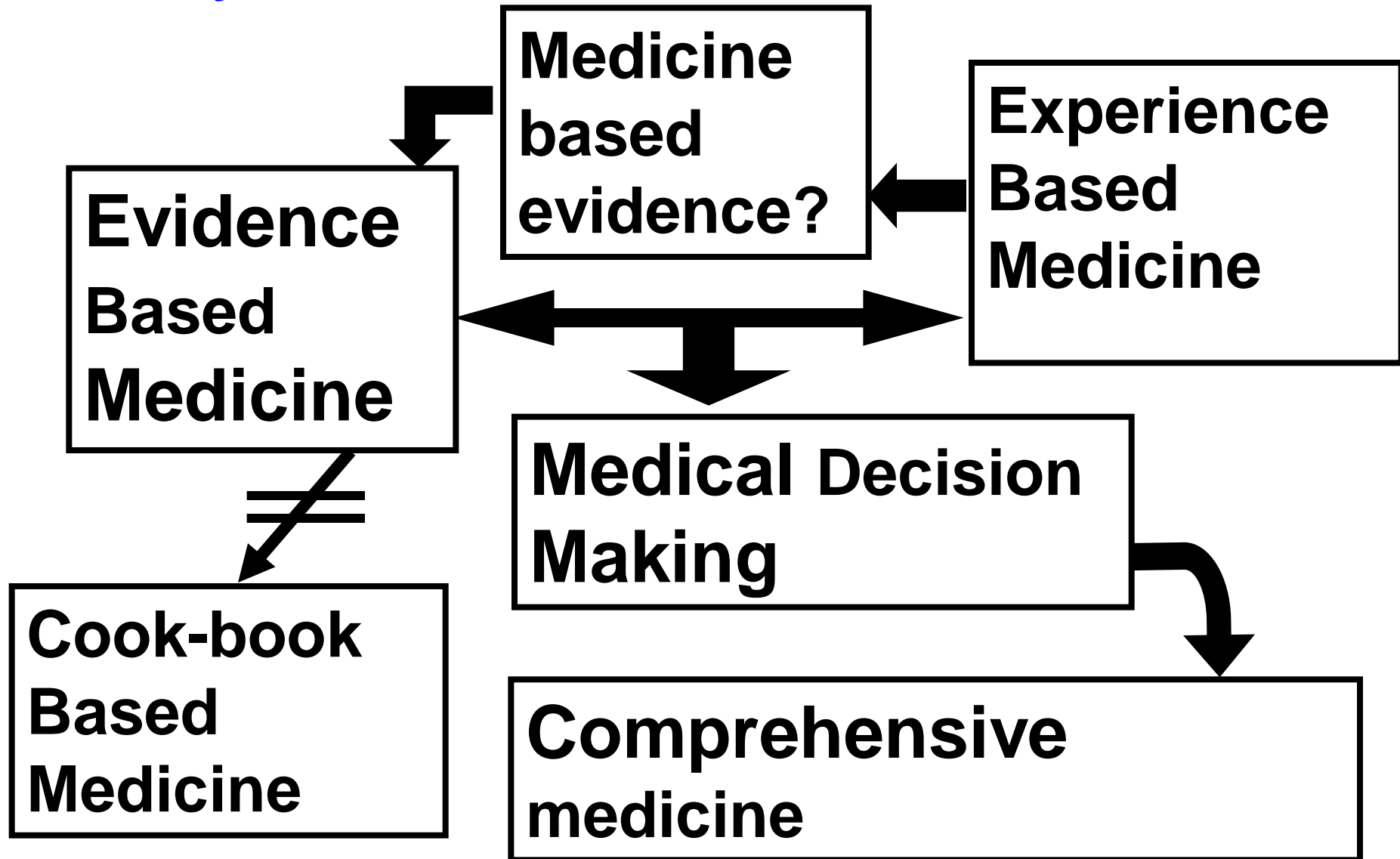
- “Decisions must be made by clinicians and not by reviewers, who combine experience, judgement and a thoughtful review of the literature”.





# Evidence-based medicine or fuzzy logic

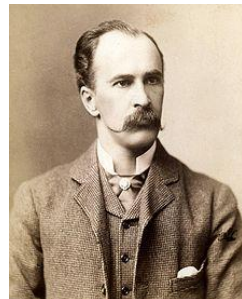
Dreyffus and Salmon, Editorial in ICM 2002



Είναι πολύ πιο σημαντικό να γνωρίζεις τον ασθενή, παρά την ασθένεια Ιπποκράτης

The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease

*William Osler*  
1892



The good researcher studies the disease; the great clinician “*translates*” research to “*customize treatment*” for the patient who has the disease

**Conclusion: this is not a PRO – CON debate  
but a debate on “appropriate use” of EBM**

***Evidence Based Medicine  
must be used as a tool for  
and not as a substitute  
of decision making***

