

Guideline Checklist (reformatted SQUIRE 2.0)

Section/Topic	Checklist Item	Page/Line No	Section/ Paragraph
Title and Abstract			
1. Title	Indicate that the manuscript concerns an initiative to improve healthcare (broadly defined to include the quality, safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, cost, efficiency, and equity of healthcare)	1	Title page
2. Abstract	a. Provide adequate information to aid in searching and indexing b. Summarize all key information from various sections of the text using the abstract format of the intended publication or a structured summary such as: background, local problem, methods, interventions, results, conclusions	2	Abstract
Introduction			
	Why did you start?		
3. Problem Description	Nature and significance of the local problem	3	Background
4. Available knowledge	Summary of what is currently known about the problem, including relevant previous studies	3-4	Background
5. Rationale	Informal or formal frameworks, models, concepts, and/or theories used to explain the problem, any reasons or assumptions that were used to develop the intervention(s), and reasons why the intervention(s) was expected to work	4	Background
6. Specific Aims	Purpose of the project and of this report	4	Background
Methods			
	What did you do?		
7. Context	Contextual elements considered important at the outset of introducing the intervention(s)	4	Methods
8. Interventions	a. Description of the intervention(s) in sufficient detail that others could reproduce it b. Specifics of the team involved in the work	4-5	Methods
9. Study of the Interventions	a. Approach chosen for assessing the impact of the intervention(s) b. Approach used to establish whether the observed outcomes were due	4-5	Methods

	to the intervention(s)		
10. Measures	a. Measures chosen for studying processes and outcomes of the intervention(s), including rationale for choosing them, their operational definitions, and their validity and reliability b. Description of the approach to the ongoing assessment of contextual elements that contributed to the success, failure, efficiency, and cost c. Methods employed for assessing completeness and accuracy of data	4-5	Methods
11. Analysis	a. Qualitative and quantitative methods used to draw inferences from the data b. Methods for understanding variation within the data, including the effects of time as a variable	4-5	Methods
12. Ethical Considerations	Ethical aspects of implementing and studying the intervention(s) and how they were addressed, including, but not limited to, formal ethics review and potential conflict(s) of interest	4-5	Methods
Results	What did you find?		
13. Results	a. Initial steps of the intervention(s) and their evolution over time (e.g., time-line diagram, flow chart, or table), including modifications made to the intervention during the project b. Details of the process measures and outcome c. Contextual elements that interacted with the intervention(s) d. Observed associations between outcomes, interventions, and relevant contextual elements e. Unintended consequences such as unexpected benefits, problems, failures, or costs associated with the intervention(s). f. Details about missing data	5-7	Results
Discussion	What does it mean?		
14. Summary	a. Key findings, including relevance to the rationale and specific aims b. Particular strengths of the project	7-12	Conclusion

15. Interpretation	a. Nature of the association between the intervention(s) and the outcomes b. Comparison of results with findings from other publications c. Impact of the project on people and systems d. Reasons for any differences between observed and anticipated outcomes, including the influence of context e. Costs and strategic trade-offs, including opportunity costs	7-12	Conclusion
16. Limitations	a. Limits to the generalizability of the work b. Factors that might have limited internal validity such as confounding, bias, or imprecision in the design, methods, measurement, or analysis c. Efforts made to minimize and adjust for limitations	11-12	Conclusion
17. Conclusions	a. Usefulness of the work b. Sustainability c. Potential for spread to other contexts d. Implications for practice and for further study in the field e. Suggested next steps	7-12	Conclusion
Other Information			
18. Funding	Sources of funding that supported this work. Role, if any, of the funding organization in the design, implementation, interpretation, and reporting	12	Acknowledgements

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