Criteria for Participation in Externally-Initiated Clinical Practice Guideline Development Projects

Introduction:
This document serves as a tool to help the Academy determine when to participate in external practice guideline development projects. Projects that meet the requirements listed below are eligible for AAPM&R participation.

Scoring:
• Response Levels: 1=No; 3=Somewhat; 5=Yes; N/A=Not Applicable
• **These items require a score of at least 4 or N/A - If they do not, participation requirements will not be met.
• Total must meet minimum scoring of 26 (75%) for participation - Includes both individual scores and group averages.

1. **Relevance:** Is the guideline relevant to PM&R?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □

2. **Existing Guidelines on the Topic** have been located and are available for review
   Based on review we recognize the need for revision (or update)
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

3. **Practical Application: Direct Impact on Patient Care:** Will we change the way we practice as it relates directly to this project?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

4. **Relationship:** Is the relationship between AAPM&R and the organization of priority importance at this time?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

5. **Effect of Professional Perception:** Is this an area where we can have the most impact?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

6. **Influence:** Will we have influence on the direction or outcome of this project?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

7. **Experience:** Would we expand our knowledge base in this area or in the development of other clinical practice guidelines as a direct result of our efforts as an organization with this project?
   
   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  N/A □

8. **Comments:**

Total Score: __________