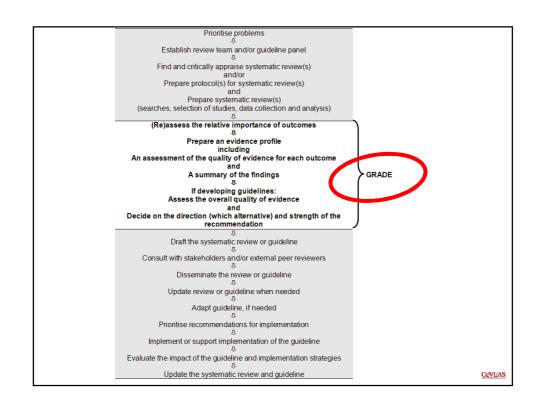
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# GRADE: La scelta degli outcomes

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#### Formulare il quesito clinico

- ◆ popolazione (o gruppo) ben individuato
- ◆ intervento (che può essere positivo, come una terapia, una dieta, un test diagnostico, oppure negativo, come l'esposizione a un fattore di rischio o a un effetto avverso di un farmaco), studiando l'effetto sottoforma di un
- esito (traduzione di outcome, unica iniziale differente in italiano). Non dimenticando mai che l'efficacia di un intervento si misura sempre facendo un
- confronto (con un altro farmaco, con il nulla, con la storia naturale della malattia, con l'assenza di rischio, o con altri test diagnostici, ecc)

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#### Formulating the questions

Annex 3. Methods used for developing guidelines Preparation of the background documentation

Summaries of the best available evidence were prepared to answer nine primary questions regarding the treatment and prophylaxis of postpartum haemorrhage:

Should active management of the third stage of labour be used by skilled providers for all women to prevent postpartum haemorrhage? Should active management of the third stage be used by non-skilled providers to prevent PPH?

Should oxytocin (10 IU IM) or ergometrine/methylergometrine (0.2 mg IM) be used for all women by skilled providers to prevent PPH? Should non-skilled providers use either drug?

Should oxytocin (10 IU IM) be used for all women by skilled providers to prevent PPH instead of oral misoprostol (600 mcg)? Should either drug be used by non-skilled providers?

Should oxytocin (10 IU IM) be used for all women by skilled providers to prevent PPH instead of sublingual misoprostol (600 mcg)? Should either drug be used by non-skilled providers?

Should oxytocin (10 IU IM) be used for all women by skilled providers to prevent PPH instead of rectal misoprostol (600 meg)? Should either drug be used by non-skilled providers?

Should oxytocin (10 IU IM) be used for all women by skilled providers to prevent PPH instead of carboprost 0.25 mg/sulprostone 0.5 mg)? Should either drug be used by non-skilled providers?

In the absence of active management, should uterotonics be used alone for prevention of PPH?

When should the cord be elamped to maximize benefits for mother and baby? Should the placenta be delivered in all women by controlled traction?

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## Scelta degli outcomes, 1

explicit judgements should be made about which outcomes are critical, which ones are important but not critical, and which ones are unimportant and can be ignored.

all important outcomes should be considered in making a recommendation, but only critical ones should be considered when making judgements about the overall quality of the evidence underlying a recommendation

Schünemann HG et al. Health Res Policy Syst 2006:4:18

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#### Scelta degli outcomes, 2

studies using surrogate outcomes generally provide weaker evidence than those using outcomes that are important, and these only should be included when evidence for important outcomes is lacking.

Thus, important outcomes (e.g. mortality, morbidity, quality of life) should be preferred over surrogate, indirect outcomes (e.g. cholesterol levels, lung function) that may or may not correlate with patient important outcomes.

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### Classificazione degli outcomes

Invito ai membri del panel a classificare ogni beneficio e ogni rischio (each beneficial and harmful outcome) in una scala 1-9

- punteggio medio 7-9 = critical outcome
- punteggio medio 4-6 = important but not critical
- punteggio medio <4 = not important</li>

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#### Rating the outcomes Recommendations for the Prevention of Postpartum Haemorrhage Provisional list of outcomes for inclusion Please enter your initials in the box Not important Important but not critical Do not attempt to rank the outcomes Critical – score each one individually from 1– 9. What are the most important beneficial outcomes of interventions to prevent postpartum haemonhage? Fewer maternal deaths Fewer admissions to intensive care unit Less blood loss $\geq 500 \text{ ml}$ Less blood loss ≥ 1000 ml Less use of blood transfusion Less use of additional uterotonics Decreased mean blood loss Less postpartum anaemia Earlier establishment of breastfeeding Less anaemia in infancy Other (please specify) CeVEAS

Please enter your initials in the green box  Do not attempt to rank the outcomes – score each one individually from 1 – 9.	•	7
What are the most important beneficial outcomes of interventions to prevent postpartum haemory bage?		
Outcome	Relative Importance	-
Fewer maternal deaths		
Fewer admissions to intensive care unit		
Less blood loss <u>&gt; 500 ml</u>		
Less blood loss ≥ 1000 ml		
Less use of blood transfusion		
Less use of additional uterotonics		
Decreased mean blood loss		
Less postpartum anaemia		
Earlier establishment of breastfeeding		
Less anaemia in infancy		
Other (please specify)		

Outcome	Relative Importance
Any side effect of intervention	
Any side effect requiring treatment	
Nausea	
Vomiting	
Diarrhoea	
Headache	
Abdominal pain	
High blood pressure	
Shivering	
Temp > 38° C	
Temp > 40° C	
Maternal death	
Anaemia in infancy	
Other (please specify)	

## Benefici: punteggio medio

## Table 1 Average scores

What are the most important beneficial outcomes of interventions to prevent PPH?

Fewer maternal deaths	8.5
Fewer admissions to intensive care unit	6.4
Less blood loss > 500 ml	6.3
Less blood loss > 1000 ml	7.7
Less use of blood transfusion	7.8
Less use of additional uterotonics	5.9
Decreased mean blood loss	5.6
Less postpartum anaemia	6.1
Earlier establishment of breastfeeding	5.1
Less anaemia in infancy	4.8
Other (please specify)	

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## Rischi: punteggio medio

What are the most significant risks in interventions to prevent PPH?

Any side effect of intervention	4.9
Any side effect requiring treatment (e.g. manual removal of placenta)	6.2
Nausea	4.0
Vomiting	4.7
Diarrhoea	4.6
Headache	4.8
Abdominal pain	4.8
High blood pressure	6.5
Shivering	4.7
Temp > 38° C	5.4
Temp > 40° C	6.8
Maternal death	6.7
Anaemia in infancy	4.6

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