We developped a tool to optimize drug use in neonatology

The NeoCheck Project: Development of a Prescription-screening Tool Specific to Neonatology

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Potential uses of the tool:



Optimization of prescriptions



Young physicians and pharmacists training



Basis for developing institutional guidelines

Literature review



1375 recommendations on neonatal pharmacotherapy were identified by a large literature review. Main sources: AAP, CPS, ESN, NICE, Cochrane Neo.



Recommendations on same topics were gathered and merged.



Recommendations were presented to an expert during interviews to eliminate the uncorrect, unrelevant and unuseful ones

158

Selection process by the steering group to keep only the most relevant topics and reduce the number of recommendations.

2020: prospective study on the impact of NeoCheck



Start vitamin D supplementation from the first days of life in all neonates.

Recommended dose is 400 IU once daily during the first year of life and 600 IU once daily during the two next years.

Start

Grade of recommendations: National Guidelines

L'Allemand D, Neuhaus TJ, Janner M, et al. Recommandations de l'Office fédéral de la santé publique concernant l'apport en vitamine D en Suisse – quelle signification pour le pédiatre? *Paediatrica*. 2012;23(4):22-24.

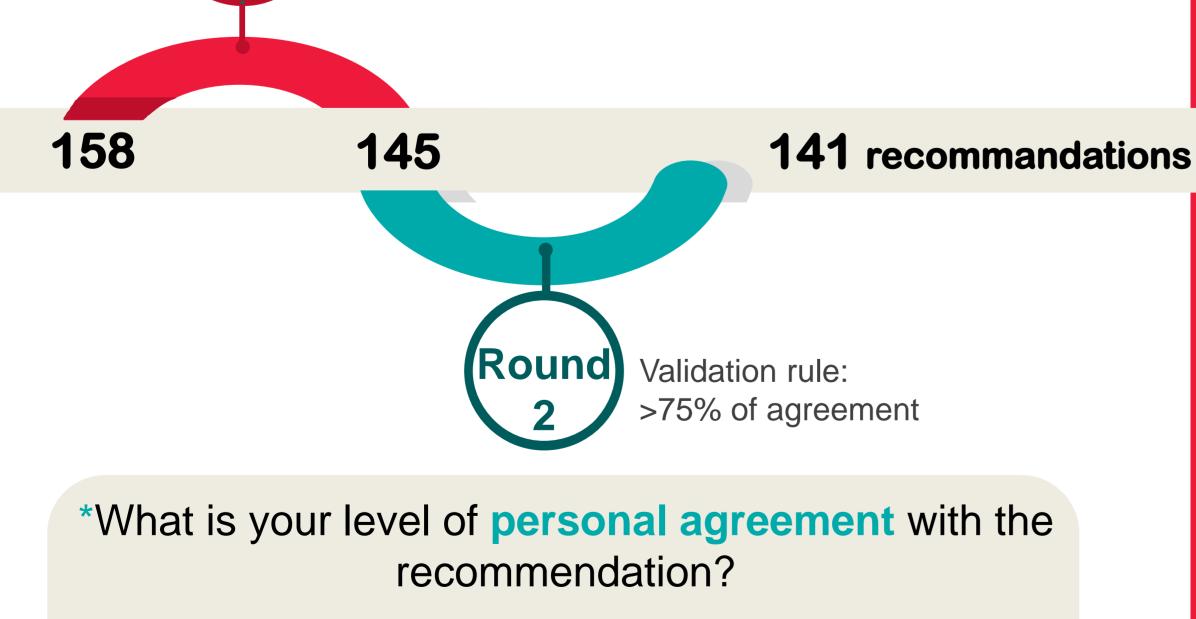
Exemple of a NeoCheck recommendation

2-rounds Delphi Validation Method

 Online questionnaire answered by 23 swiss experts to assess their personnal level of agreement* with each recommendation:



2. Slightly



3. Nor

agree or

disagree

E NeoCheck chapters

Basic management	Nephrology
Cardiology	Neurology
Endocrinology	Pain, sedation & neonatal abstinence syndrome
Gastroenterology	Pharmacology
Hematology	Pneumology
Infectiology	

Experts characteristics

Profession

Neonatologists (MD with Schwerpunkt Neonatologie)
Pharmacist 1

Years of practice

>10 years	15
5-10 years	4
1-5 years	4





1. Totally

agree

= agreement



4. Slightly

disagree



5. Totally

disagree





