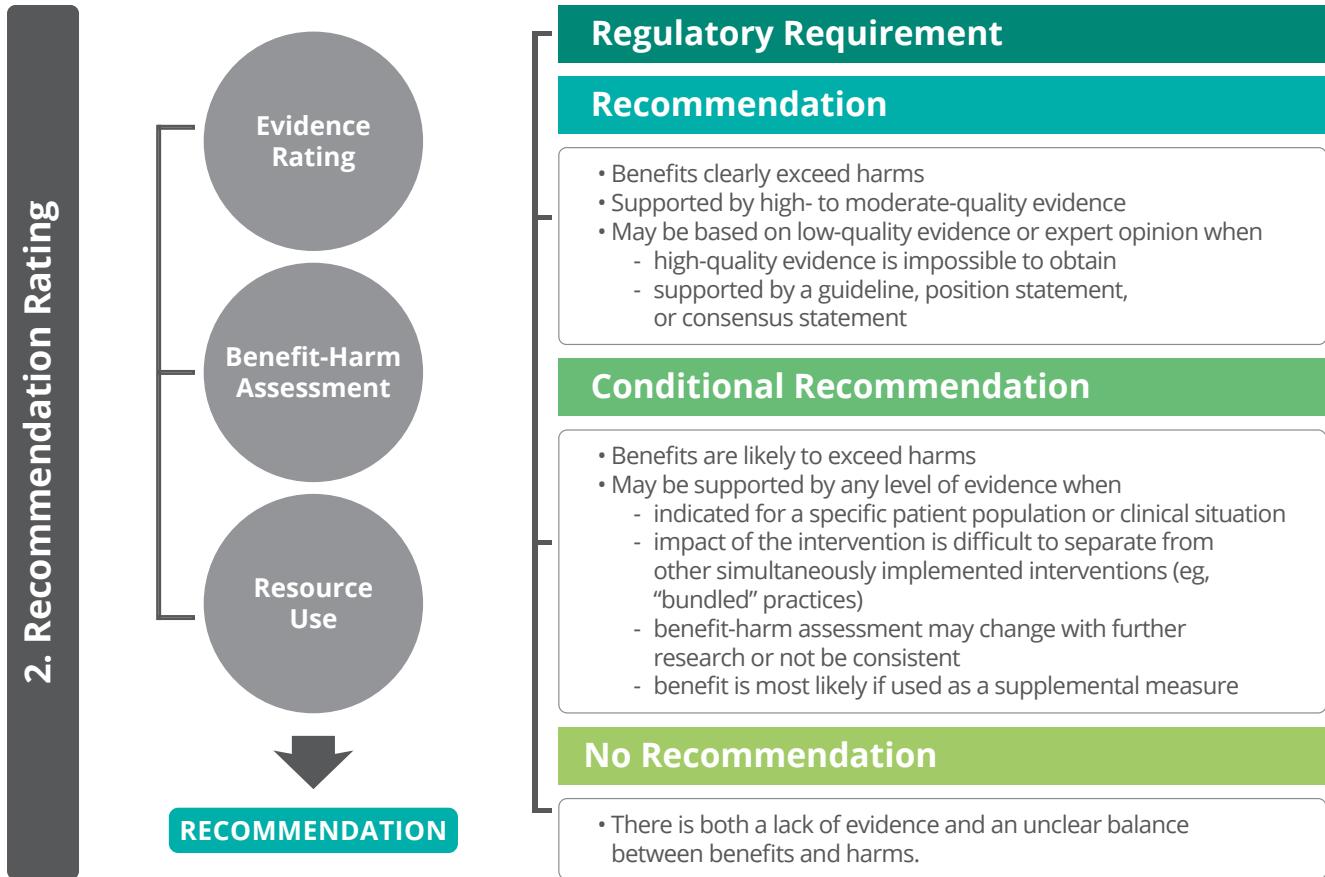


AORN Evidence Rating Model

1. Evidence Rating	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW
	IA or IB IIA or IIB	IIIA or IIIB	IC, IIC, or IIIC IVA, VIB, or VIC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of studies with no major limitations • Little variation between studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few studies and some have limitations but not major flaws • Some variation between studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies have major flaws or there are no rigorous studies • Important variation between studies



3. Implementation	Regulatory Requirement →
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative team members "must" implement the recommendation in accordance with regulatory requirements.
	Recommendation →
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative team members "should" implement the recommendation, unless a clear and compelling rationale for an alternative approach is present.
	Conditional Recommendation →
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative team members "may" implement the recommendation. • The degree of implementation may vary depending on the benefit-harm assessment for the specific setting. 	
No Recommendation →	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative team members will need to evaluate whether or not to implement the practice issue. 	