



# AHRQ / TEP Update

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Project Status

## **GLIDES PROJECT**

**GuideLines Into DEcision Support**

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# Selected Guidelines

- Asthma
  - EPR3 *Diagnosis and Management of Asthma* from the NHLBI (2007)
  - Demonstrates challenges involved in implementation of recommendations for chronic management of complex disease
- Obesity
  - *Screening and Interventions for Overweight in Children and Adolescents* (2007) from the Expert Committee on the Assessment, Prevention, and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Overweight and Obesity
  - Convened by the AMA, HRSA, and CDC

## Visit Type

- ☐ Well Child  
☒ Asthma

## CLASSIFYING COMPONENTS OF ASTHMA SEVERITY AND INITIATING TREATMENT

Is patient currently on controller medication? ☐ yes ☒ noHas this patients severity been classified? ☐ yes ☒ noAssessment for: ☐ Control ☒ Severity

----- Persistent -----

## Impairment

----- Intermittent -----

Mild

Moderate

Severe

- ☒ HPI  
☒ Cntrl/Sev  
☒ Inhaler/Env  
☒ PE  
☒ Asmt  
☒ Tx Plan  
☒ Action Plan  
☒ Asmt/Plan

Cough due to asthma

☐ None

Wheezing

☐ None

Chest tightness

☐ None

Shortness of breath

☐ None

Nighttime awakening

☒ NoneInterference with normal activity  
Reduction in school/play/work☐ None

SABA use (not for EIB)

☒ NoneLung Function  
FEV1 or peak flow☐ FEV>80% predicts☐ <-----☐ <-----☒ FEV=60-80% prec☐ FEV<60% predicts

FEV1/FVC

☐ >85%☐ <-----☒ >80%☐ =75-80%☐ <75%

Prompts for documentation

Impairment Classification: **Moderate**

## Risk

Real-time calculation and display

☐ 2 in last year☐ 3 in last year☐ >=4 in last year☐ 2 in last year☐ 3 in last year☐ >=4 in last year☐ >=2/year

AND

Risk Factors

for persistent asthma

Treatment-related adverse effects

## Medication Adverse Effect

- ☐ Thrush  
☐ Palpitations  
☐ Jitteriness  
☐ Sleep Disturbances  
☐ Decreased Growth  
☐ Other

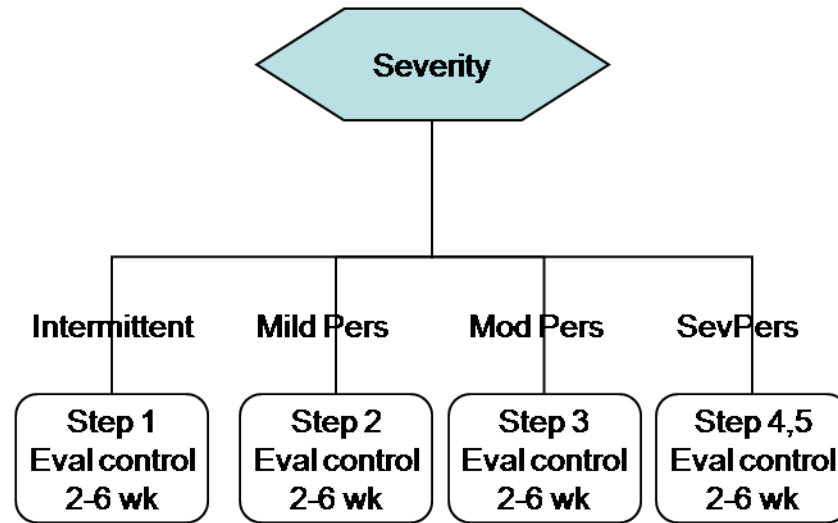
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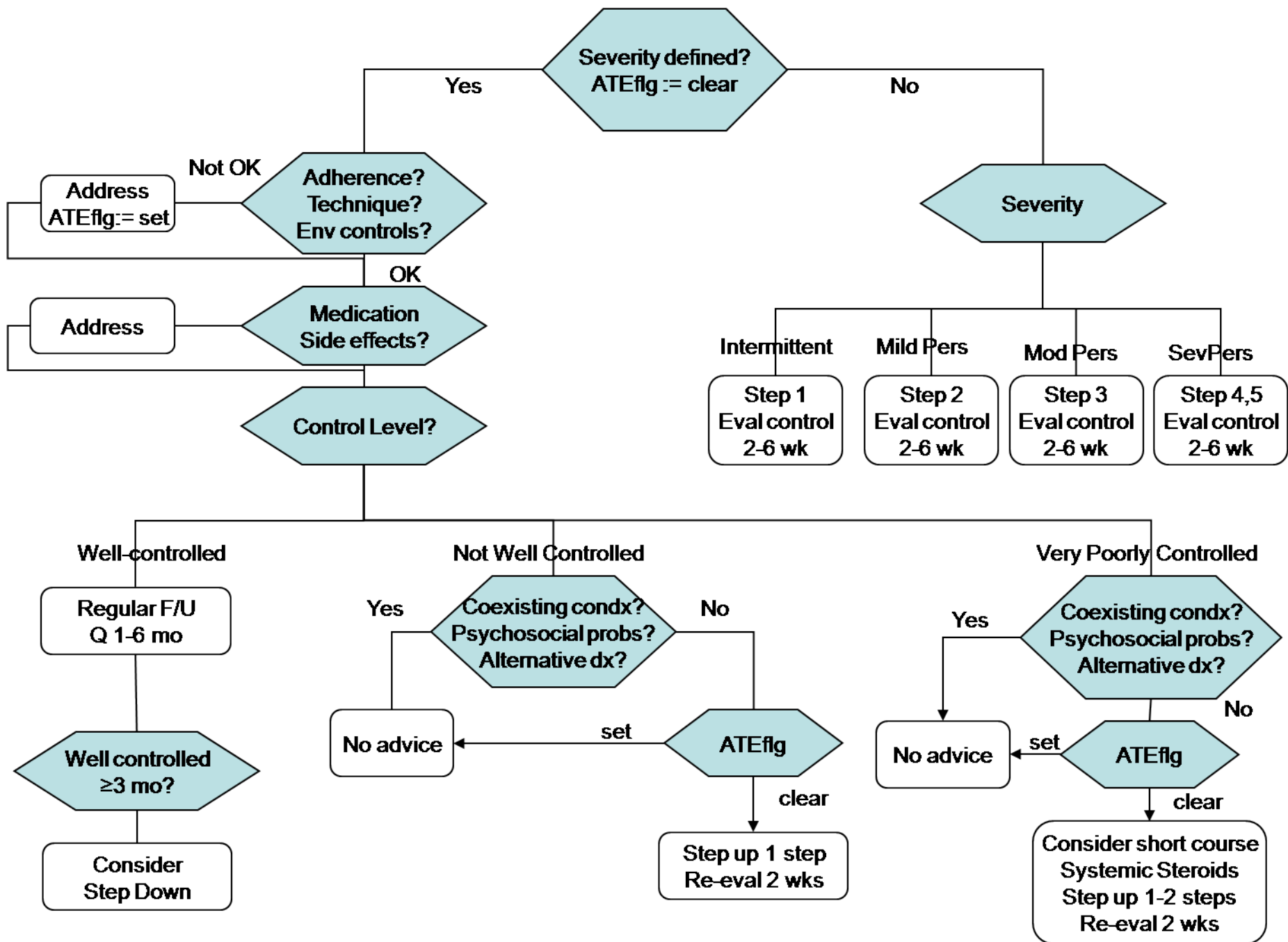
Risk Classification: **Low**Asthma Severity Classification: **Moderate Persistent**

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Visit Type <input type="checkbox"/> Well Child <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<b>Decision Support - Today</b> Severity Class: Moderate Persistent Impairment: Moderate Risk: Low	<b>Control Classification</b> Control Class: Impairment: Risk: Previous Step:	<b>Severity Classification</b> Severity Class:
	<b>Provider Assessment - Today</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPI</li> <li>Cntrl/Sev</li> <li>Inhaler/Env</li> <li>PE</li> <li>Asmt</li> <li>Tx Plan</li> <li>Action Plan</li> </ul>	Current level of control is: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Well Controlled <input type="radio"/> Not Well Controlled <input type="radio"/> Very Poorly Controlled Inhaler Technique: <input type="radio"/> Correct <input type="radio"/> Incorrect <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A Adherence: <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> Good <input type="radio"/> Fair <input type="radio"/> Poor Environmental Control: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Adequate <input type="radio"/> Inadequate <input type="radio"/> N/A		

Prompts for Assessments

Display of Relevant Past Information

Severity Classification: Moderate Persistent Recommended therapy is Step 3 or 4					
--- Regular follow up every 1 - 6 months ---					
<b>Intermittent Asthma</b>		<b>Persistent Asthma: Daily Medication</b>			
<input type="radio"/> Step 1		<input type="radio"/> Step 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Step 3 <input type="radio"/> Step 4 <input type="radio"/> Step 5			
Step Comments/Reason for Step Change:					
	Preferred:	Preferred: Low-dose ICS+	Preferred: Medium-dose ICS+LABA, or COMBO	Preferred: High-dose ICS+LABA, or COMBO	Preferred: High-dose ICS+LABA, or COMBO+ oral systemic corticosteroid
	Nedocromil	Medium-dose ICS	Alternative: Medium-dose ICS+LTRA	Alternative: High-dose ICS+LTRA	Alternative: High-dose ICS+ LTRA + oral systemic corticosteroid
	Consider consultation	Consult Asthma Specialist	Consult Asthma Specialist	Consult Asthma Specialist	Consult Asthma Specialist

Alert

Information Access

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☒ Asthma

Problems

Update Problems

Medications

ALBUTEROL SULFATE 0.083 %  
 NEBU (ALBUTEROL SULFATE) 2.5  
 mg .5cc with 3cc NS nebulized every  
 4 hours  
 PULMICORT 0.25 MG/2ML SUSP

Update Meds

Allergies

Update Allergies

Order Set

Selected Treatment Step : 3

Quick-Relief

Short acting B-2 agonist

ALBUTEROL NEBS .083% Q4 hrs PRN

NEW ORDER

REFILL

Long Term Control

Preferred

1. Low-dose inhaled steroid

PULMICORT 0.25 MG BID

NEW ORDER

REFILL

or

LTRA

NEW ORDER

REFILL

or

2. COMBO:

NEW ORDER

REFILL

3. Medium-dose inhaled steroid

NEW ORDER

REFILL

Added: Albuterol sulfate 0.083 % nebu 2.5 mg .5cc with 3cc NS nebulized every 4 hours  
 Added: Pulmicort 0.25 mg/2ml susp 0.25 MG/ML nebulized twice a day

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# Guideline Knowledge Modeling

Svatek & Ruzicka 2003

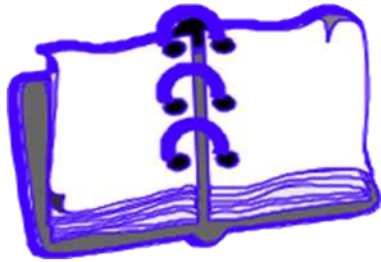
## Model-Centered

- Knowledge engineer reads and assimilates the guideline narrative, formulates an internalized conceptual model, and gradually converts the model to a computable representation
- The translation process is implicit
- Ultimately, the relationship of the guideline knowledge model to the original guideline document may be only indirect or tangential

## Document-Centered

- Relies heavily on the original textual guideline
- Explicit
- Iterative
- Produces a series of artifacts that can serve as an audit trail preserving relationship to original text
- “The leader in this stream is the GEM methodology and model.”

# Challenge of Representing Guideline Knowledge Electronically



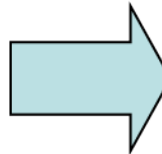
**Published Guideline**

**Black Box**



**Computer-Based  
Decision Support**

**Black Box**



**Narrative Guideline**

**Semi-structured**

**Semi-formal**

**Formal**

Identify Clinical Objectives  
Select Guideline

**Narrative Guideline**

COGS, AGREE  
GLIA

GEM Cutter Markup

**Semi-structured**

XML file  
Quality & Implementability Appraisals

EXTRACTOR Transforms

**Semi-formal**

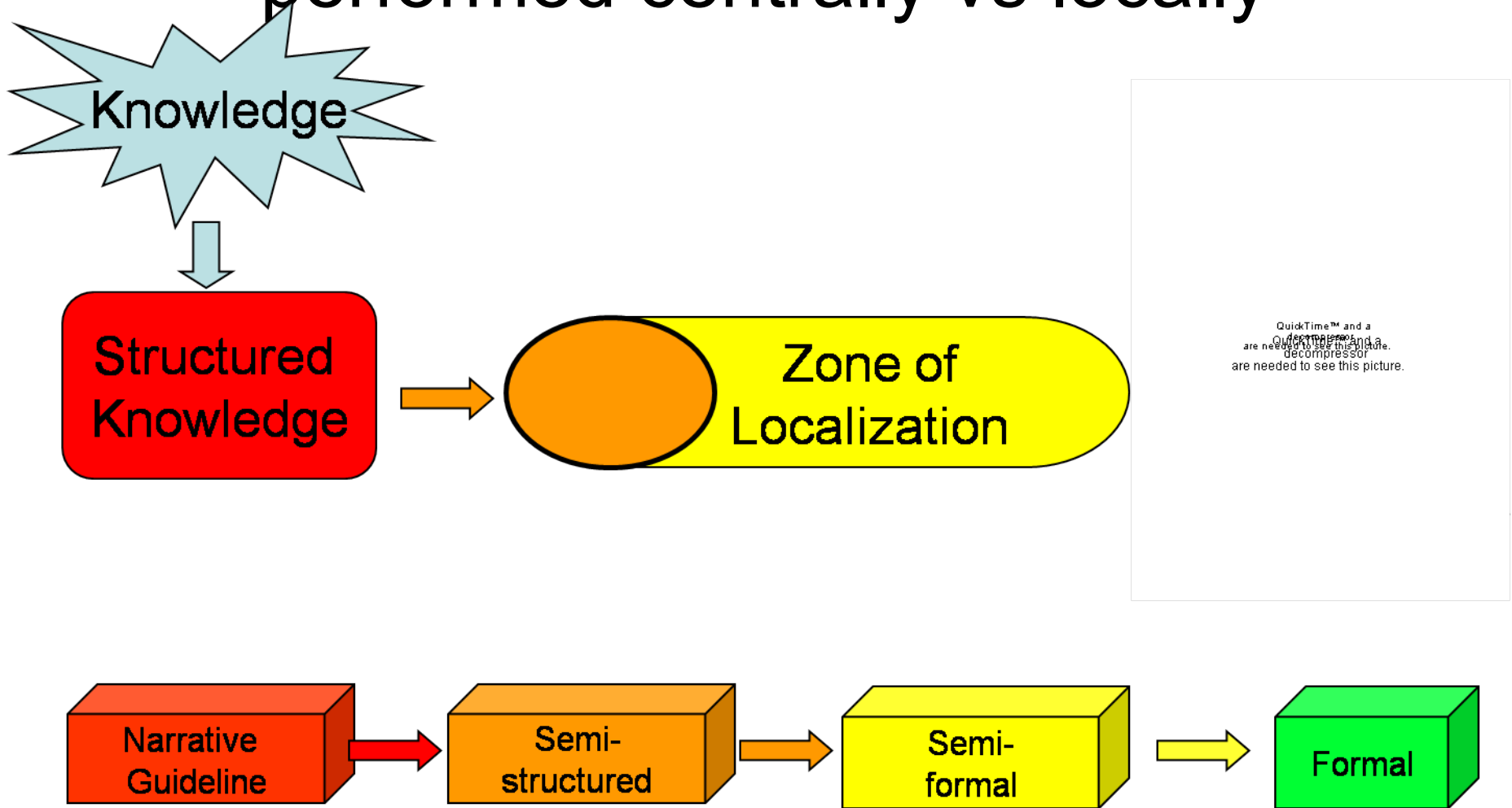
Statement logic  
Coded decision variables & actions  
Action-types

*Local workflow / barrier analysis (technical, people,  
organizational); local codes; origins/insertions; CDS modality*

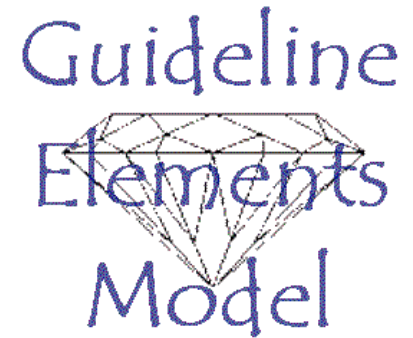
**Formal**

Local EHR scripting language, UI

# Tension between work that can be performed centrally vs locally



# GEM



- Knowledge model for guideline documents
  - Multi-level hierarchy (>100 elements)
  - Parses heterogeneous information contained in guidelines
  - Facilitates translation of guidelines into a format that can be processed by computers
- GEM DTD adopted as ANSI standard (ASTM E2210-02)
- GEM II Schema adopted as ANSI standard (E2210-06)

# Recent External Publications

## Addressing GEM

- Abidi SR, Hussain S, Shepherd M, et al. Ontology-based Modeling of Clinical Practice Guidelines: A Clinical Decision Support System for Breast Cancer Follow-up Interventions at Primary Care Settings, Medinfo 2007: Proceedings of the 12th World Congress on Health (Medical) Informatics; Building Sustainable Health Systems; Kuhn, Klaus A (Editor); Warren, James R (Editor); Leong, Tze-Yun (Editor). Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2007. Studies in health technology and informatics, v. 129, pp 845-849.
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# GEM Uptake 2009

- GEM web site visits averaged 4,658 per month,
  - serving an average of 13,461 pages
  - 25,513 hits
  - Traffic is very stable.
- GEM Cutter downloads
  - 93 times
  - from 25 different countries

- University of Udine
- University of Vienna
- Sentry Data Systems
- Regenstrief Institute
- Fremantle Hospital & Health Service
- Renaissance Computing Institute
- St. Georges Hospital and Medical School
- Answare Ltd.
- I-CUBE
- Banner Health
- Thomson Reuters
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- ECRI Institute
- Arizona State University
- Bologna University
- Fremantle Hospital Library
- CHHMPA
- Interamerican University of PR
- University of Pittsburgh

## GEM Cutter Downloads 2009

- Oregon Health & Science University
  - catholic medical center
  - Center for Interoperable EHR
- PROGESAL Ltd. Consulting Office
  - Seoul National University
  - Vanderbilt University
  - Umass
  - MoH
- Università degli studi di Pavia
  - University of Georgia
  - VA
  - Mayo Clinic
  - HRR PEMEX
  - Paris Decartes
- College of American Pathologists
  - JHU
  - McMaster University
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- National Guideline Clearinghouse
  - Milliman CareGuidelines
  - New Zealand Guidelines Group
- Centre for Health Informatics UNSW
  - Technical University of Vienna

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# Deliver the Guideline Knowledge

- Demos to follow

# Implement evidence-based guideline recommendations

- Chronic Management of Asthma
  - ✓ Pediatric Pulmonology: [Yale](#)
  - ✓ Pediatric Primary Care : [Yale](#)
  - ✓ Nemours Pulmonology: [Florida sites](#)
  - ✓ Nemours Primary Care: [Delaware Valley sites](#)
- Prevention of Obesity
  - ✓ Pediatric Primary Care: [Yale](#)
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# Evaluation Approaches

- Quantitative evaluation: *what*
- Qualitative evaluation: *why*
- Mixed methods evaluation plan:
  - data completion rate
  - direct observation
  - survey of clinicians
  - in-depth interviews
  - review of charts in which clinicians did not follow CDS recommendations
- Evaluation of clinical outcomes: years 3-5

# Use

- Uptake of asthma CDS at Yale pulmonary has been generally high; however, tools are often used after the clinic visit is over (Jan-May 2009)
  - 55 new visits: 78% had enough data entered for CDS to work
  - 390 return visits: 65% had enough data entered for CDS to work
- Uptake of asthma CDS at Nemours has been generally low; attributable to lack of a clinical champion
- Uptake of obesity CDS at Nemours has been good



# Effectiveness of CDS

- CDS prompts high use of key guideline recommendations:
  - Yale obesity (819 visits)
    - 83% document screen/counsel for >5 servings fruits/vegetables
    - 75% document screen/counsel for no sugar-sweetened beverages
  - Yale pulmonology (390 visits)
    - 90% document “impairment”
    - 88% document “risk”
- Experts do not always agree with CDS

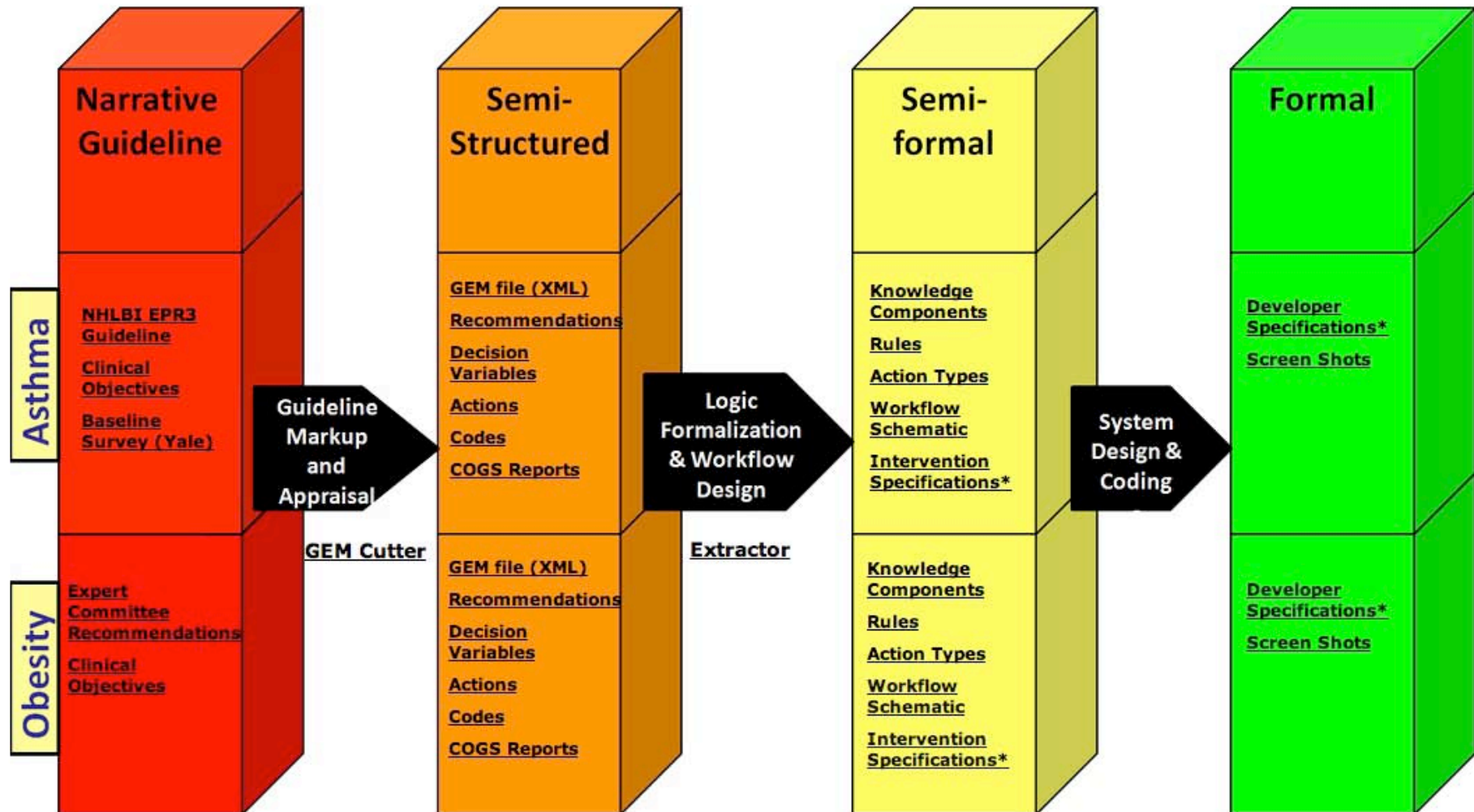
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# DISSEMINATE

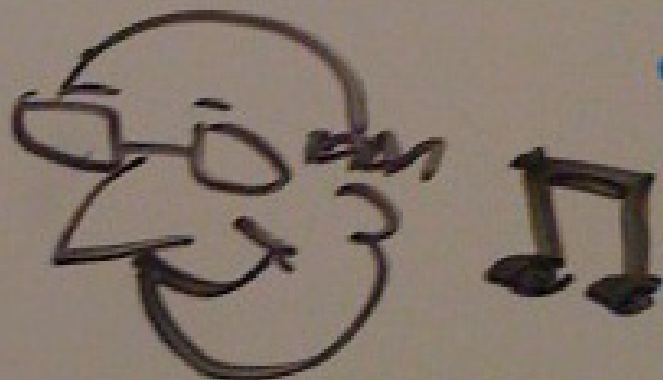
- MANY presentations
- Recommendations to CCHIT, vendors
- Guideline manual
- IOM Committee “Developing Standards for Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines”
- ECRI pilot: GEM-ifying guidelines for NGC
- GLIDES Website

<http://gem.med.yale.edu/glides>




# Proposed Aims: Years 3-5

1. Continue to use systematic and replicable processes to design, implement, and demonstrate guideline-based CDS
2. Work with guideline developers to provide tools and guidance to improve guideline development
3. Update GEM and increase its adoption
4. Continue evaluation of both existing and newly developed CDS implementations
5. Collaborate with CDSC to pilot distribution of CDS
6. Disseminate lessons learned



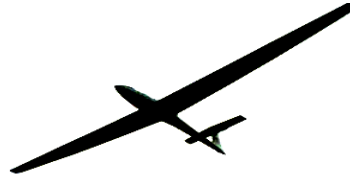
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