

## 6.5 Harmonizing Guidelines (30 minutes)

Guidelines provide a valuable tool to assure optimal care is provided. The recent revised ACOG guidelines from the US and the Ghanaian Safe Motherhood and Ministry of Health Guidelines (2007) are two examples.

### Assignment

In this assignment, we ask you to create a sample guideline for **one** of the listed topics at **one** of the three levels of care. The categories are broad, to allow you to identify a topic especially relevant for your clinical setting. We do not expect you to develop a complex guideline including all aspects of care for hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, but rather a single topic to get you started with the process.

You can use the table below as a framework from which you can choose a topic that interests you.

	Community health center	District hospital	Tertiary hospital
Clinical skill (for example: diagnosis, initial treatment and stabilization, guideline for referral, fetal assessment)			
Equipment available			
Supplies available			
Monitoring process			

#### Step 1

Make a list of possible guideline and protocol topics.

#### Step 2

Choose a topic from your list, and level that your guideline or protocol should apply to.

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