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This report of an Institute of Medicine study presents a balanced view of guidelines--their strengths, their limitations, and how they can be more effectively used to benefit health care. It offers recommendations and a proposed framework for strengthening the development and use of guidelines, numerous illustrations of guidelines, a ready-to-use instrument for assessing the soundness of guidelines, and six case studies exploring issues involved in the day-to-day use of guidelines.

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