Consensus development methods, and their use in clinical guideline development: a review
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To identify the factors that affect the decisions that emerge from consensus development methods.

To assess the implications of the findings for the development of clinical guidelines.

To recommend further methodological research for improving the use of consensus development methods as a basis for guideline production.

Authors' conclusions
Priorities for future research

What impact does the framing or presentation of the question have on individual judgements?

In what form and how inclusive should scenarios be?

How does the extent of heterogeneity of a group affect the process and outcome?

What effect does research-based information have on individual and on group judgements? Does the effect depend on the amount of information or how it is presented?

What effect does the method of feedback of participants' views have on group judgement?

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