

5 tips for evaluating clinical decision support tools

Navigating clinical research to support evidence-based medicine can be both challenging and time-consuming. Clinicians need accurate, current information on which to base their decisions to ensure quality care.

Having the right tools to aid and enhance decision support is critical.

1 Information must be credible



Clinicians need to be confident they are making informed decisions.

An effective solution should provide:

- Evidence-based recommendations
- Actionable recommendations
- Evidence ratings

2 Information must be comprehensive



Clinicians can't afford data gaps. Information must support quick decision making.

An effective solution should provide:

- Summary-level information
- Detailed and complex information
- Intuitive navigability between information levels

3 Information must be consistent



To avoid gaps or conflicts in care, consistency across the support network is key.

An effective solution should:

- Help consolidate content vendors
- Minimize IT footprint

4 Information must be accessible



When timing is everything, teams need to easily access information for critical clinical situations.

An effective solution should:

- Integrate into clinician workflows
- Ensure information is intuitive and easy to find
- Offer mobile and tablet access

5 Vendor must offer support



Clinicians must be able to rely on the solution vendor to provide support and service for the tool after implementation.

An effective solution should provide:

- 24/7 tech support
- Ongoing user training
- Clinical support

About Micromedex solutions:

When it matters most, you can't afford information gaps and inconsistencies. That's why Micromedex® Clinical Knowledge is used in over 4,500 hospitals worldwide to help clinicians make informed treatment decisions. With point-of-care access to evidence-based clinical decision support, clinicians have the information they need to help them.