Abstract

**Objective:** This guideline summarizes the quality of the evidence to date and provides a reasonable approach to the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of the hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP).

**Evidence:** The literature reviewed included the original HDP guidelines and their reference lists and an update from 1995. Using key words, Medline was searched for literature published between 1995 and 2007. Articles were restricted to those published in French or English.
Recommendations were evaluated using the criteria of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (Table 1).

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