

Supplementary Table S2. Modified Ensuring Quality Information for Patients (MEQIP) tool

'content' question (items 1-18) results.

MEQIP Scoring question	Yes	No	N/A	High-scoring websites	Low-scoring websites	p
1. Initial definition of which subjects will be covered	158 (67)	77 (33)	0 (0)	50 (89)	108 (60)	<.001
2. Coverage of the previously defined subjects (NA if the answer is "no" for item 1)	152 (65)	7 (3)	76 (32)	50 (89)	102 (57)	<.001
3. Description of the medical problem/treatment/procedure	227 (97)	8 (3)	0 (0)	56 (100)	171 (96)	.20
4. Definition of the purpose of the interventions	215 (91)	20 (9)	0 (0)	56 (100)	159 (89)	.005
5. Description of treatment alternatives (conservative management)	147 (63)	88 (37)	0 (0)	42 (75)	105 (59)	.028
6. Description of the sequence of the interventions and surgical procedure	195 (83)	40 (17)	0 (0)	54 (96)	141 (79)	.001
7. Description of the qualitative benefits for the patient	153 (65)	82 (35)	0 (0)	53 (95)	100 (56)	<.001
8. Description of the quantitative benefits to the patient	15 (6)	220 (94)	0 (0)	11 (20)	4 (2)	<.001
9. Description of the qualitative risks and complications	93 (40)	142 (60)	0 (0)	48 (86)	45 (25)	<.001
10. Description of the quantitative risks and complications	33 (14)	202 (86)	0 (0)	18 (32)	15 (8)	<.001
11. Addressing quality-of-life issues	94 (40)	141 (60)	0 (0)	52 (93)	42 (23)	<.001
12. Description of how complications are handled	45 (19)	190 (81)	0 (0)	30 (54)	15 (8)	<.001
13. Description of the precautions that the patient may take to avoid complications	90 (38)	145 (62)	0 (0)	42 (75)	48 (27)	<.001
14. Mention of alert signs that the patient may detect	86 (37)	149 (63)	0 (0)	35 (63)	51 (28)	<.001
15. Addressing medical intervention costs and insurance issues	15 (6)	220 (94)	0 (0)	7 (13)	8 (4)	.054
16. Specific contact details for hospital services (NA if not hospitals)	125 (53)	42 (18)	68 (29)	31 (55)	94 (53)	.50
17. Specific details of other sources of reliable information/support	67 (29)	168 (71)	0 (0)	34 (61)	33 (18)	<.001
18. Coverage of all relevant issues for the topic (summary item for all content criteria)	43 (18)	191 (81)	1 (<1)	30 (54)	13 (7)	<.001

Data are presented as *n* (%).

Number of sites scoring for each item given, with the number and percentage of “yes” answers for high and low scoring websites for each item, as well as statistical significance between these.