



OHBM Best Practices Endorsement Policy

The Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) acknowledges that many organizations are producing quality Best Practices that would benefit the membership of OHBM. OHBM is committed to systematically evaluating these documents and disseminating appropriate documents to its membership. There is a process of OHBM endorsement of Best Practices represented below. The primary criteria OHBM uses to assess Best Practices submitted for endorsement is the quality of the process used to develop the document. This includes an assessment of the use of evidence vs. consensus and the appropriate linkage of evidence to recommendations.

Documents that fulfill the criteria listed below are necessary for OHBM consideration. Eligibility for endorsement does not guarantee endorsement.

- Recommendations based on fully supported peer reviewed evidence
- Comprehensive, systematic review of the relevant literature
- Recommendations linked directly to the evidence
- Specific plans for dissemination to the community

OHBM encourages other organizations to inform the OHBM of their intent to request endorsement as early in the process of developing the white paper/guideline as possible. This will allow an appropriate amount of time for OHBM reviewers to review the document, provide comments and discussion of the document before approval of endorsement.

Upon receipt of a request for endorsement, OHBM Best Practices Co-Chairs will undertake a screening review of the standard for interest and priority. If accepted for further review, OHBM will seek input from a panel of 5-10 OHBM topic experts to provide feedback. The results will be reviewed and organized based on for/against endorsement. A written response will be sent to the organization requesting endorsement. OHBM's response must be approved by the OHBM Council. It requires at least four weeks for the OHBM to approve and endorse Best Practices documents.

OHBM recommends that, whenever possible, members of OHBM participate in these efforts with the goal of multi-specialty input. This will also serve to increase awareness of OHBM as a distinct authority on this topic. The OHBM Best Practices Committee requests notification of participation in other guideline development in order to maintain OHBM records.

Documents submitted for OHBM endorsement should be emailed to the OHBM Executive Office at info@humanbrainmapping.org.