

Linking policy

In order to evaluate the appropriateness of website links for addition to deprescribing.org, the Bruyère Deprescribing Guidelines Research team takes the following criteria into account:

- The website authors/owners are clearly named
- The website authors/owners have affiliations listed
- The website country of origin is identified
- The purpose of the site is clear
- The information posted contains production dates
- The information posted appears to be up-to-date
- The site has a clear and reasonable policy regarding how they ensure that the information on the site is up-to-date (evidence of planned review processes)
- Source of the information is clearly listed (preferably scientific literature vs. opinions/advice)
- The site is not selling anything (including advertising or linking to sites that sell something)
- There is a plan evident for dealing with questions related to site content
- Funding sources of the website are clearly listed (ideally in the “about us” section)
- The site has an available policy regarding linking to other sites
- The site has an available policy regarding how they deal with personal information (ie. a privacy policy if asked to become a member or to subscribe) including whether contact information will be provided to others

Resource/Tool policy

In order to evaluate the appropriateness of resources for addition to deprescribing.org, the Bruyère Deprescribing Guidelines Research team takes following criteria into account:

- Author/creator and credentials are apparent
- Current contact information for author/creator is present and accurate (not the webmaster)
- Content is verifiable
- Sources are clear
- Information is scholarly (based on scientific evidence)
- Format/spelling/grammar and language level appropriate for the audience
- Information is objective; consider agenda and conflicts of interest of the author and funder (e.g. pharmaceutical companies)
- Avoids biased language or material
- Avoids information that contains advertising
- More than one point of view presented
- Contains date, including when last updated (Important if timeliness affects usefulness)
- Information still current and relevant