

Which reporting guideline should I use?

Start with the design and report stage. Linked names open official sources. Confirm extensions, versions and the journal's upload instructions. This is not an official reporting checklist or a study-quality score.

Your study	Start here / official source	Check next
Randomized trial results	CONSORT 2025	Check the design-specific extension and its base version.
Randomized trial protocol	SPIRIT 2025	Confirm any relevant design or intervention extension.
Systematic review of intervention effects	PRISMA 2020	Applies with or without meta-analysis, including randomized and non-randomized evidence.
Systematic review protocol	PRISMA-P 2015	Use the protocol checklist before writing a completed-review report.
Scoping review	PRISMA-ScR 2018	Use the scoping extension for an evidence-mapping question.
Cohort, case-control or cross-sectional study	STROBE	Select the matching design checklist.
Observational routinely collected health data	RECORD + STROBE	Check how routine health records are used in this observational study.
Diagnostic test accuracy	STARD 2015	For AI diagnostic accuracy, also check STARD-AI (2025).
Clinical prediction model	TRIPOD+AI 2024	Covers regression and machine learning; replaces TRIPOD 2015.
In vivo animal research	ARRIVE 2.0	Use the Essential 10 and consult the Recommended Set.
Individual clinical case report	CARE 2013	Consult the case-report checklist and consent guidance.
Qualitative interviews or focus groups	COREQ	Check SRQR for a broader qualitative design.
Health economic evaluation	CHEERS 2022	Check specialized extensions for the evaluation.
Healthcare improvement work	SQUIRE 2.0	Check the improvement-reporting guidance and relevant extension.

Keep the boundary: not performed does not automatically mean not applicable. Explain missing procedures truthfully. A case series, mixed design or specialist study may need a different route. Search [EQUATOR](#) when uncertain.

Source notes, worked examples and corrections: manusights.com/resources/reporting-guidelines. Checked 2026-09-11.

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