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Guidelines Development
Completing the Justification Statement**

1. The Justification Statement should be approximately one double-spaced page in length
2. It should outline the problem to be addressed and include examples of specific clinical questions that could be answered in the guideline
3. Because availability of evidence is crucial to the project's success, it is essential to include sample citations that represent the best available evidence on the topic
4. The Justification Statement should include the following factors.
 - a. Relevance to Headache Medicine
 - b. Prevalence of condition
 - c. Health impact of condition for the individual
 - d. Socioeconomic impact
 - e. Extent of practice variation
 - f. Quality of available evidence
 - g. External constraints on practice (e/g/ access issues, reimbursement issues, paucity of data for setting policy, health policy gaps, resource constraints)
 - h. Urgency for evaluation of new therapy or technology
 - i. Potential for significant benefit, risk or abuse
 - j. List of content expert contributors