

American Headache Society Position Statement Development Completing the Justification Statement

- 1. The Justification Statement should be approximately one double-spaced page in length
- 2. Position Statements are developed when the evidence is not strong enough to create a guideline
- 3. It should outline the problem to be addressed and include examples of specific clinical questions that could be answered in the guideline
- 4. The Justification Statement should include the following factors.
 - a. Relevance to Headache Medicine
 - b. Health impact of condition for the individual
 - c. Quality of available evidence
 - d. External constraints on practice (e/g/ access issues, reimbursement issues, paucity of data for setting policy, health policy gaps, resource constraints)
 - e. Urgency for evaluation of new therapy or technology
 - f. Potential for significant benefit, risk or abuse
 - g. List of content expert contributors