5 tips for evaluating clinical decision support tools

Navigating clinical research to support evidence-based medicine can be both challenging and time-consuming. Clinicians need accurate, current information on which to base their decisions to ensure quality care. Having the right tools to aid and enhance decision support is critical.

1. Information must be credible
   Clinicians need to be confident they are making informed decisions.
   An effective solution should provide:
   - Evidence-based recommendations
   - Actionable recommendations
   - Evidence ratings

2. Information must be comprehensive
   Clinicians can’t afford data gaps. Information must support quick decision making.
   An effective solution should provide:
   - Detailed and complex information
   - Intuitive navigability between information levels

3. Information must be consistent
   To avoid gaps or conflicts in care, consistency across the support network is key.
   An effective solution should:
   - Help consolidate content vendors
   - Minimize IT footprint

4. Information must be accessible
   When timing is everything, teams need to easily access information for critical clinical situations.
   An effective solution should:
   - Integrate into clinician workflows
   - Ensure information is intuitive and easy to find
   - Offer mobile and tablet access

5. Vendor must offer support
   Clinicians must be able to rely on the solution vendor to provide support and service for the tool after implementation.
   An effective solution should provide:
   - 24/7 tech support
   - Ongoing user training
   - Clinical support

About Micromedex solutions:
When it matters most, you can’t afford information gaps and inconsistencies. That’s why Micromedex® Clinical Knowledge is used in over 4,500 hospitals worldwide to help clinicians make informed treatment decisions. With point-of-care access to evidence-based clinical decision support, clinicians have the information they need to help them.