

# How and when to update a clinical practice guideline

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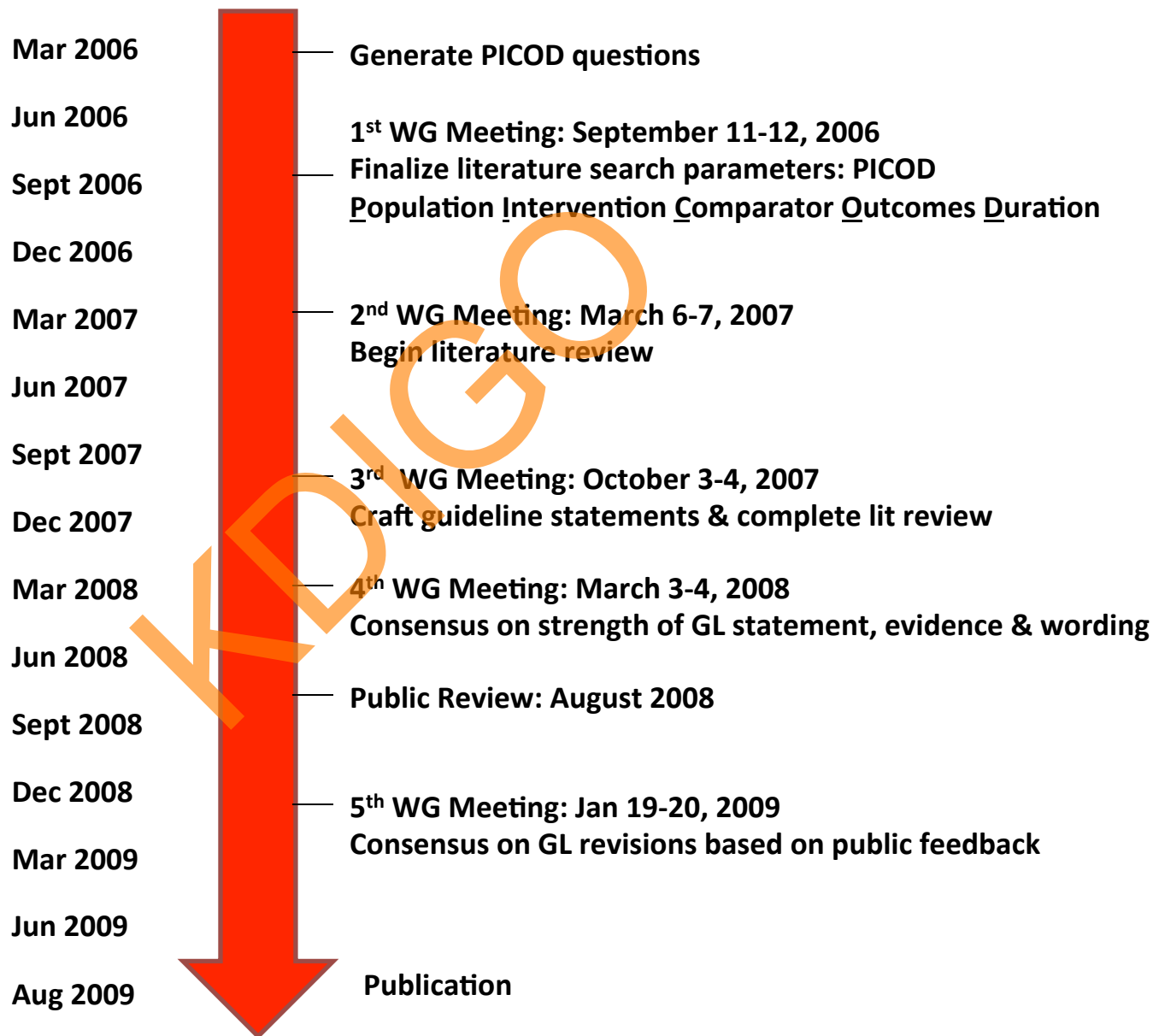
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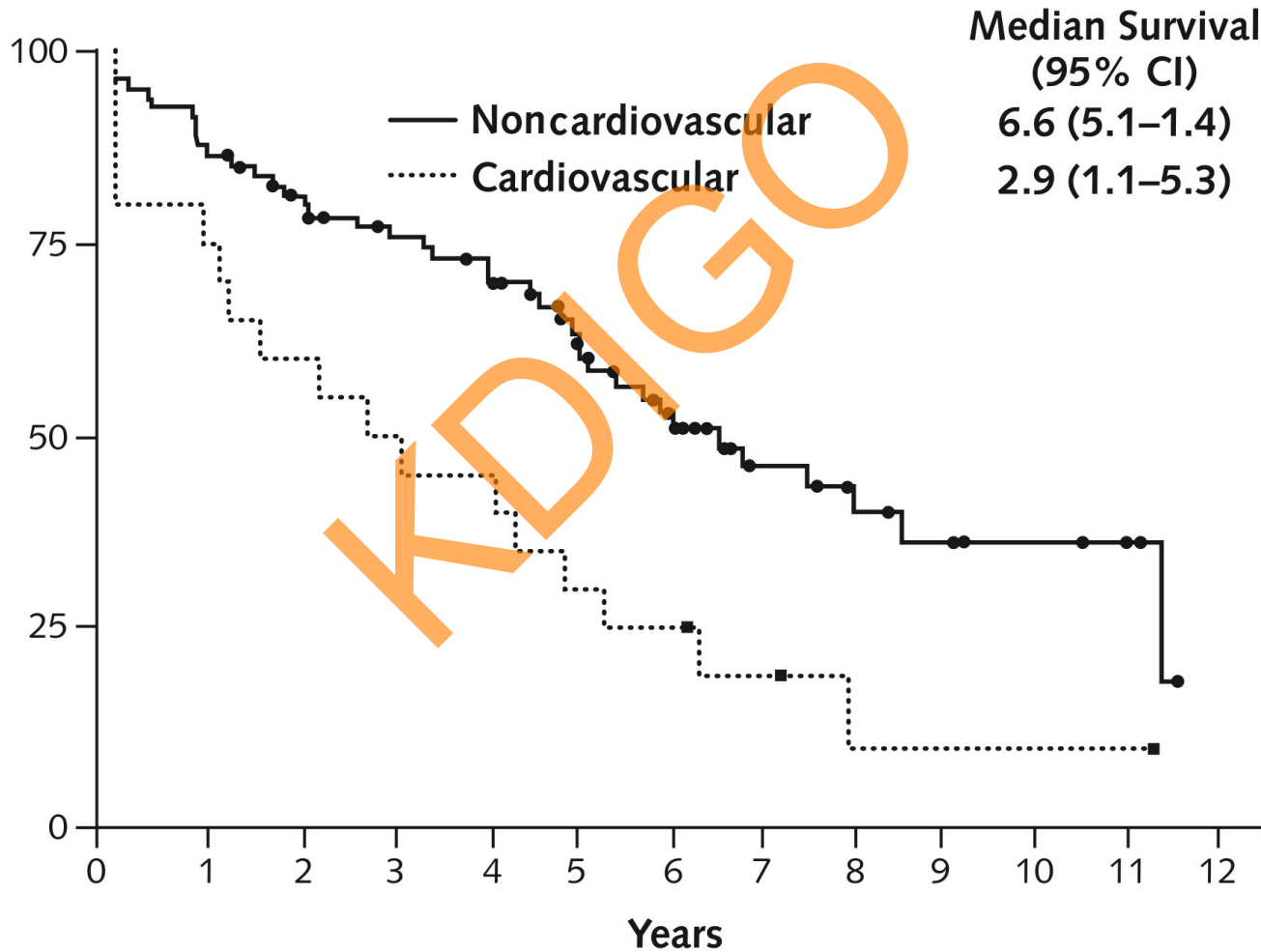
# Guidelines have a “best before date”



# Timeline for 2009 KDIGO CKD-MBD CPG

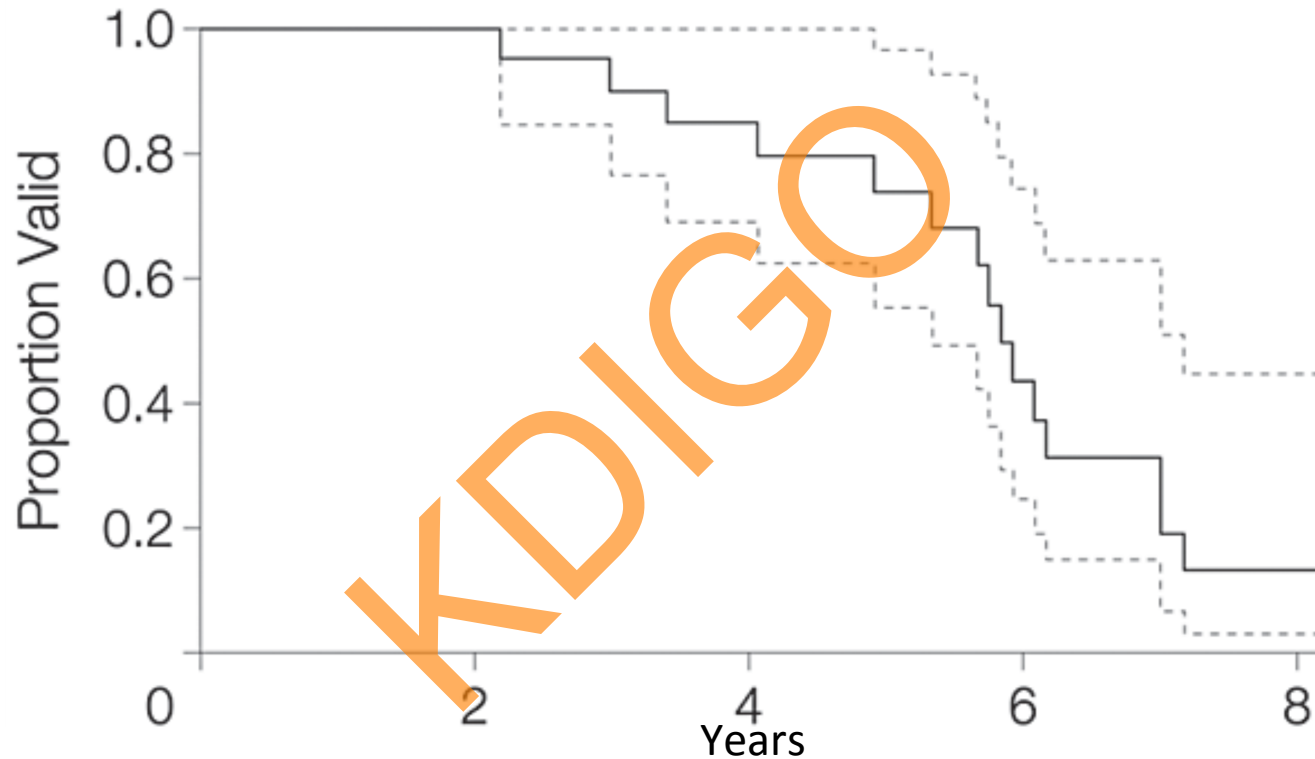


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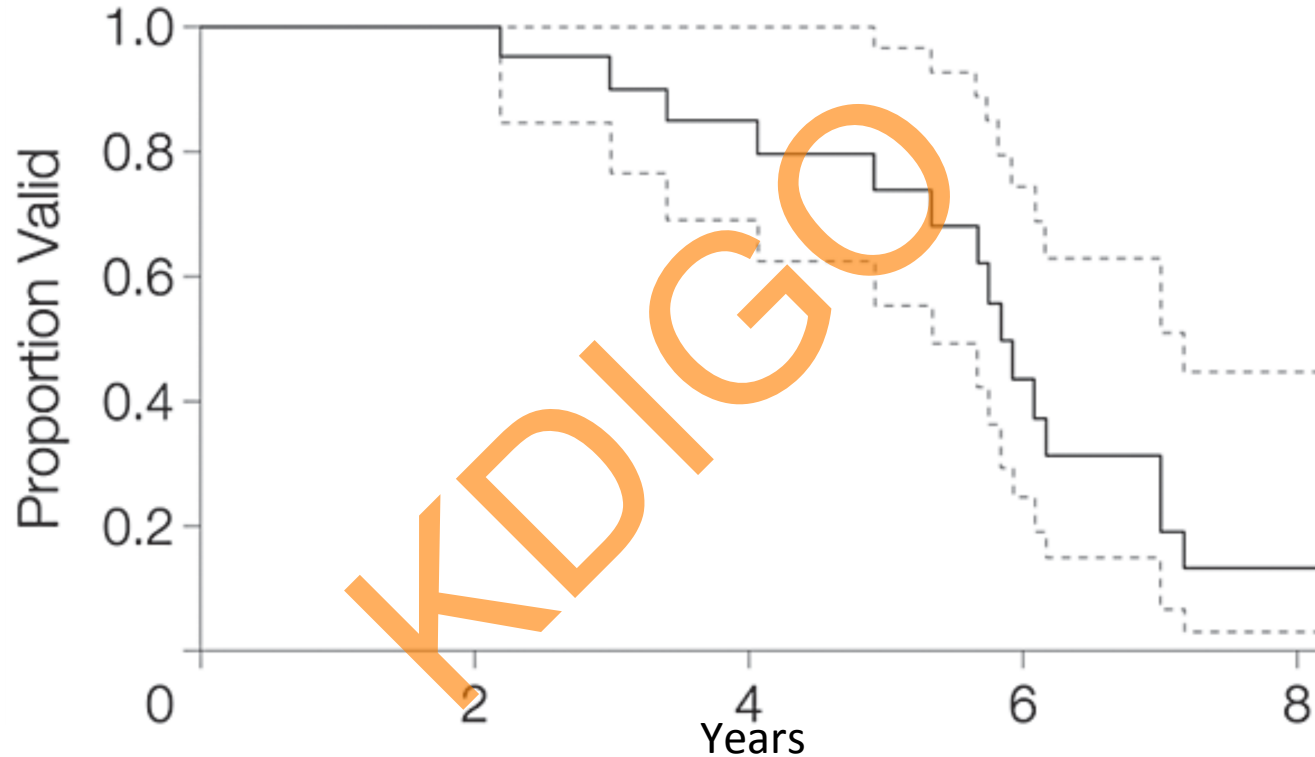
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% of Guidelines Still Valid	Time (95% Confidence Interval), y
90	3.6 (2.6, 4.6)
80	4.4 (3.5, 5.3)
50	5.8 (5.0, 6.6)

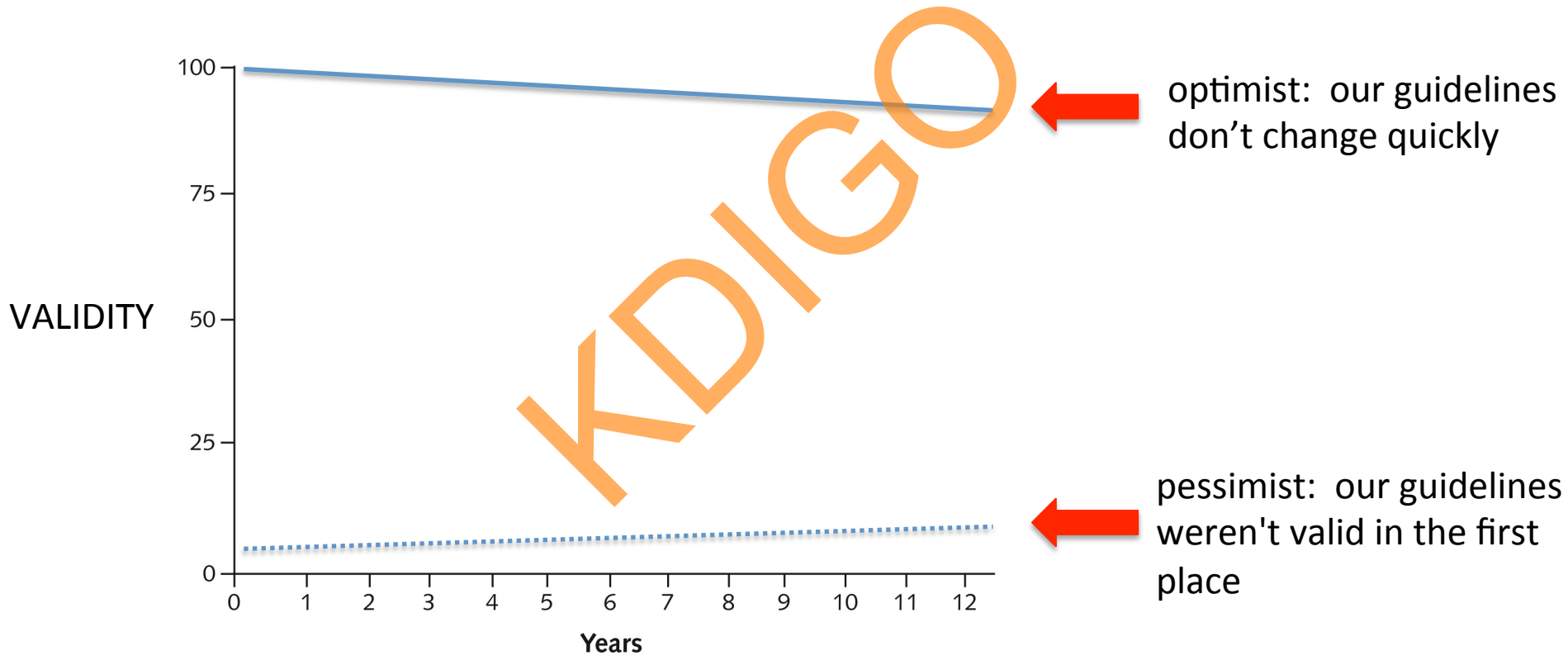
← Time since completion (1y before publication)

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survival appears shorter for broader guidelines  
e.g evaluation and care of CHF vs management of otitis  
media with effusion

# What about guidelines on nephrology topics?



# When do CPG need updating?

special challenge for virtual organizations

Revising a recommendation simply because you don't agree with it is not really appropriate!



# When do CPG need updating?

**When there have been changes in:**

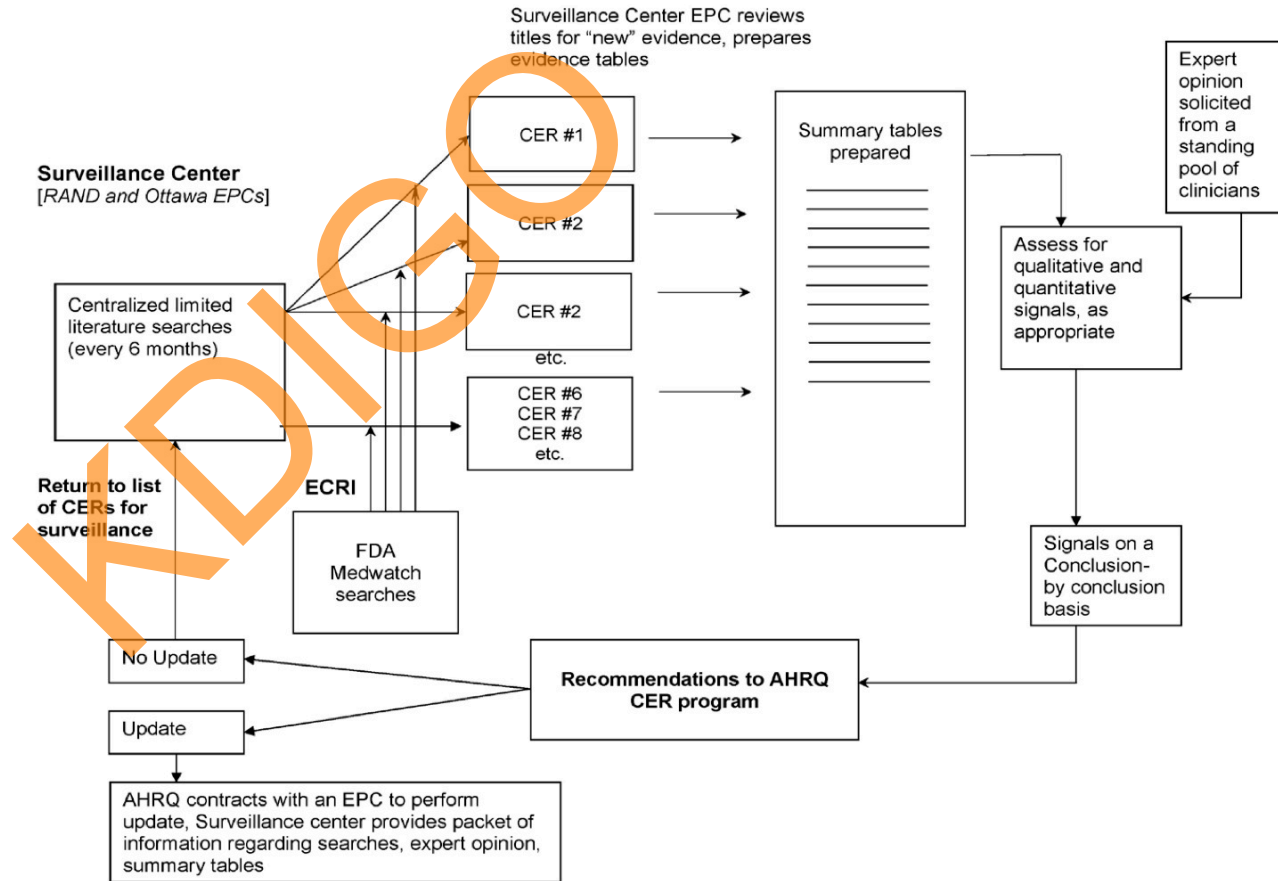
- available interventions

These considerations imply a  
variable lifespan for CPG  
(some last longer than others)

- resources available for healthcare

# How do you know if a guideline needs updating?

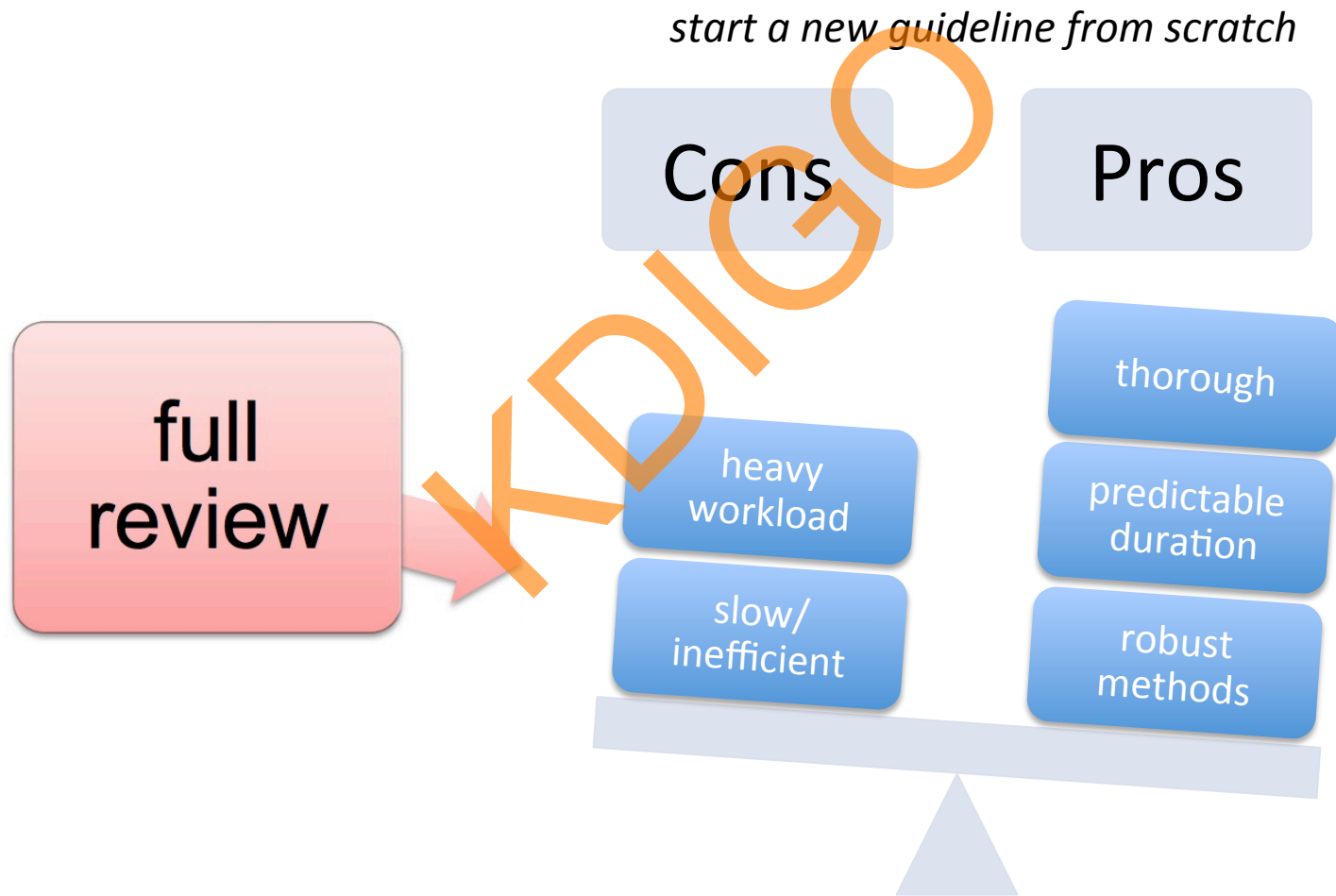
- Scheduled review
- Ongoing surveillance – (reasonable and necessary)
- Ad hoc revision



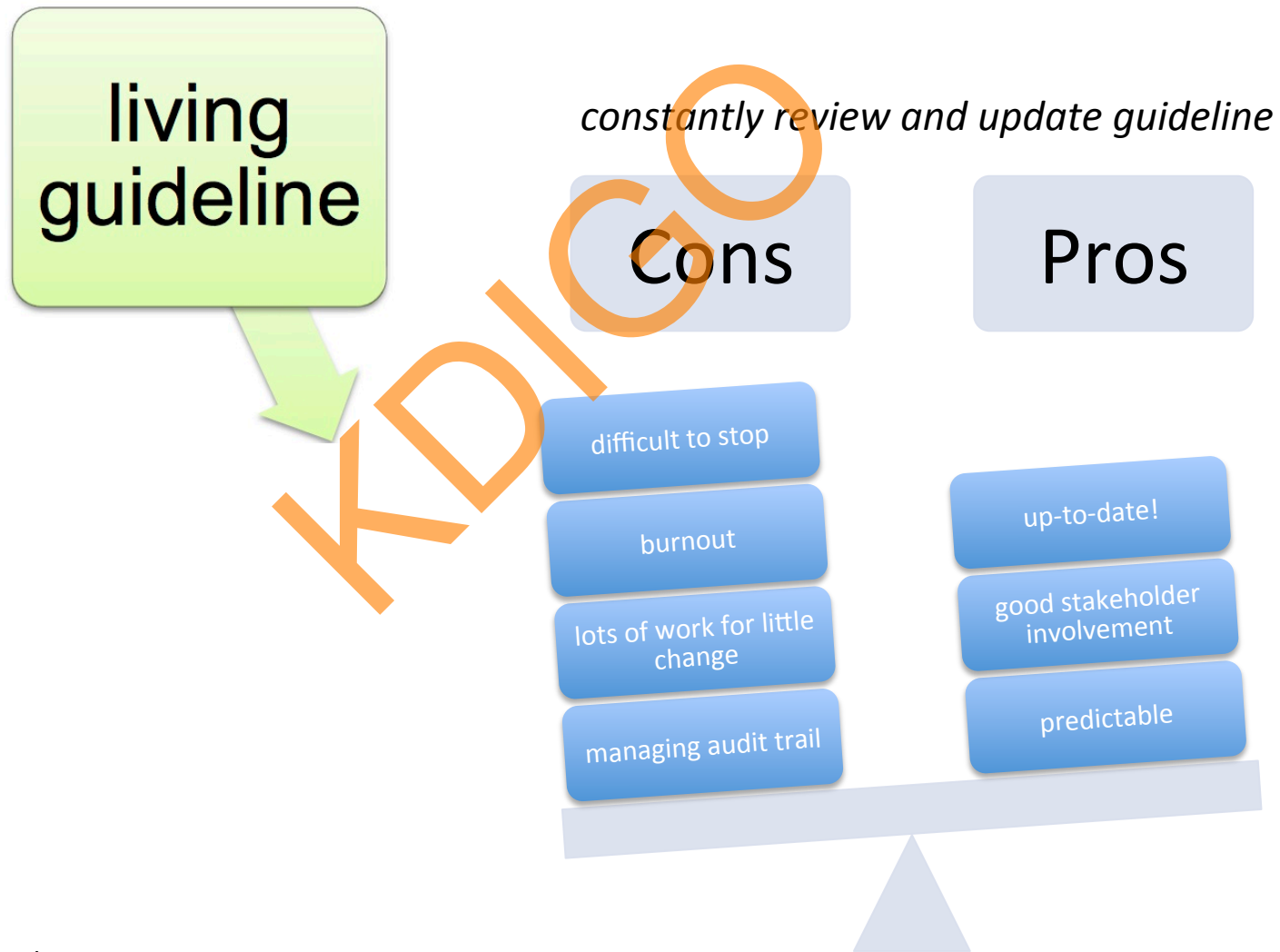
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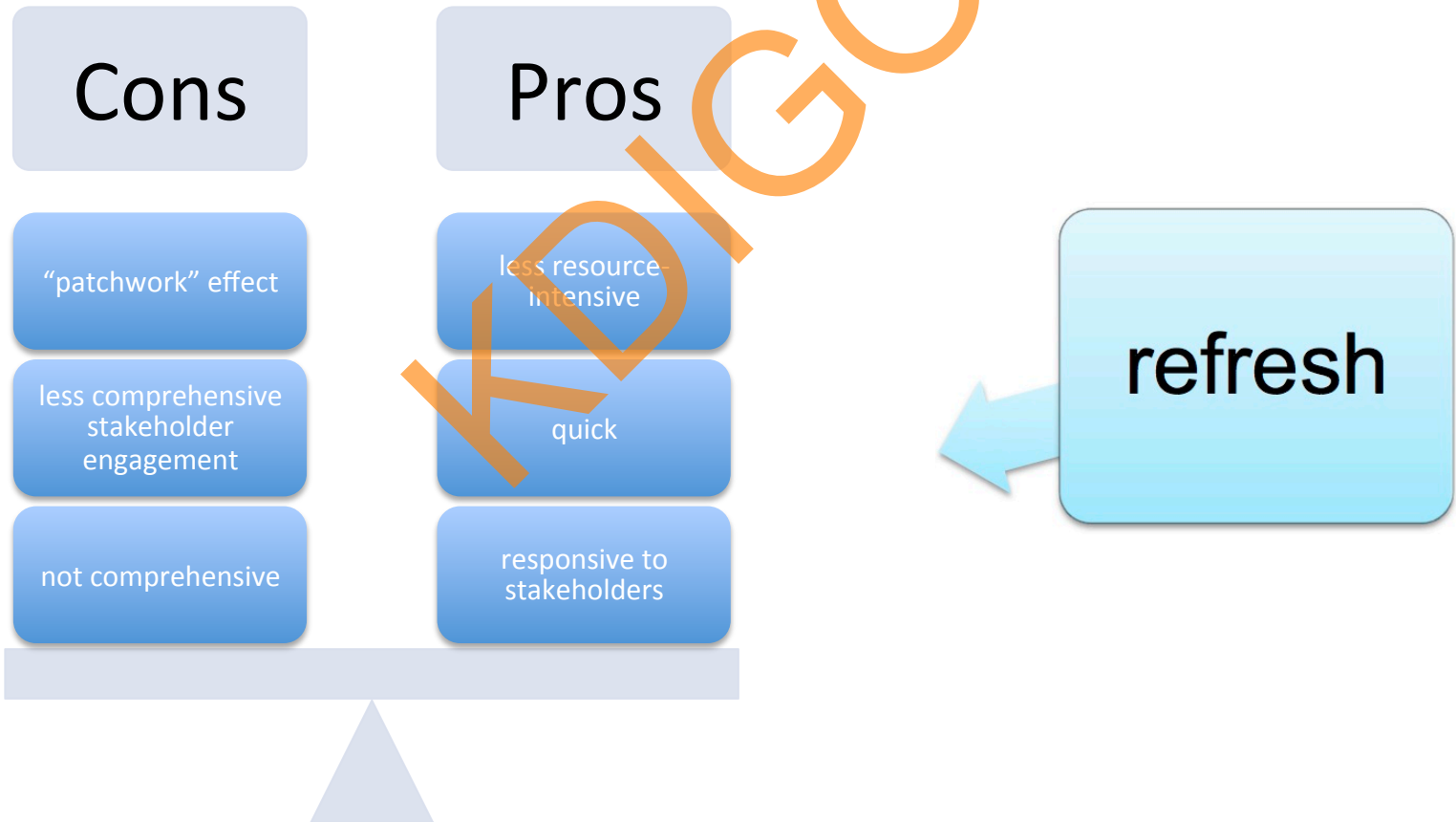
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*quick update (within 6 months) for big ticket change*

- new evidence affecting  $\leq 2$  key questions or
- policy/licensing change that affects entire CPG and
- small CPG group



# What are the options for updating CPG?

*update only the parts of the guideline that need to be updated*

Cons

old vs new format

existing vs new KQ

managing expectations re. scope

Pros

less resource-intensive than full update

quicker

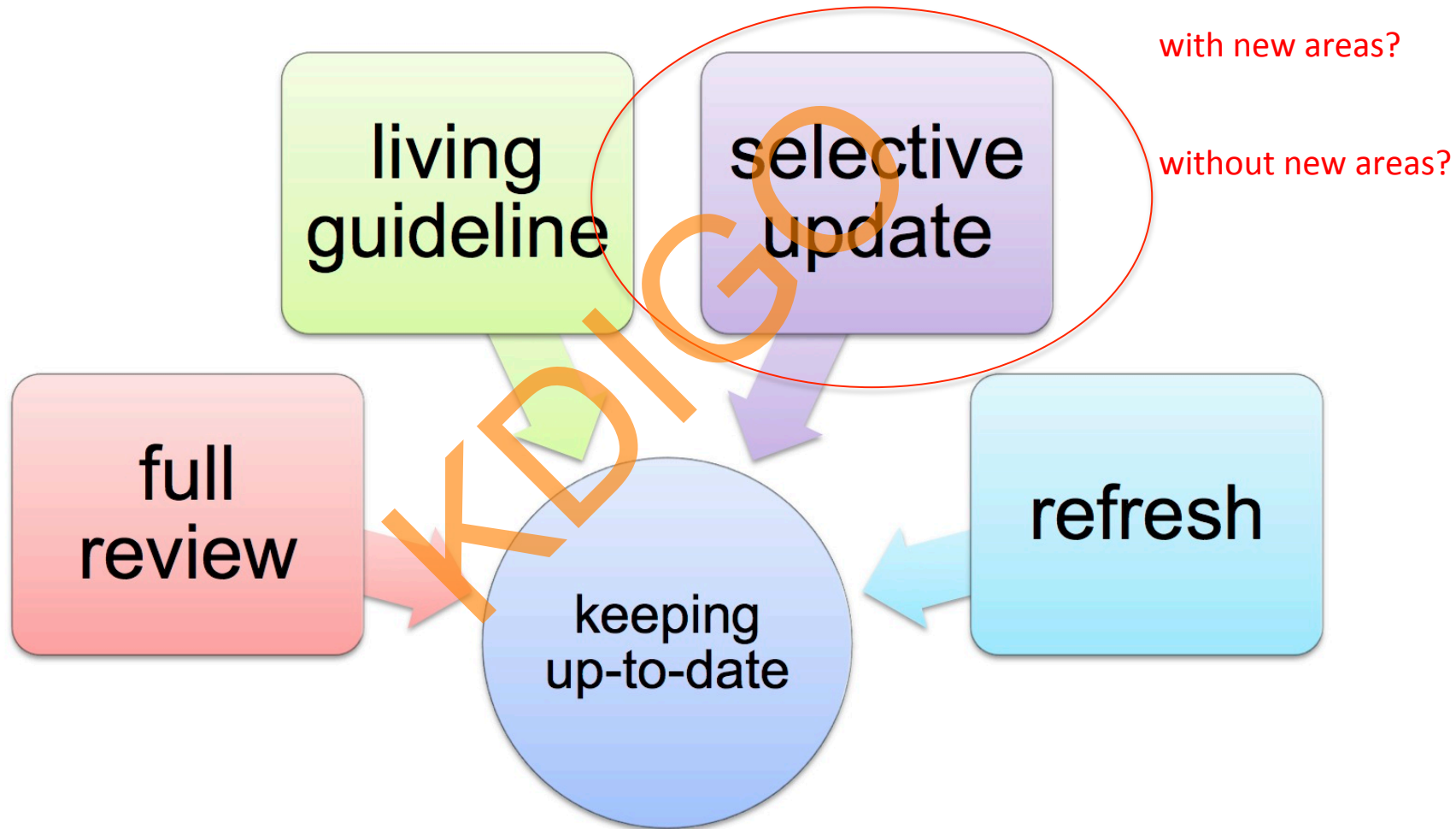
good stakeholder input

established methods

selective update



# What are the options for updating CPG?





Once you've decided which approach to take, what next?

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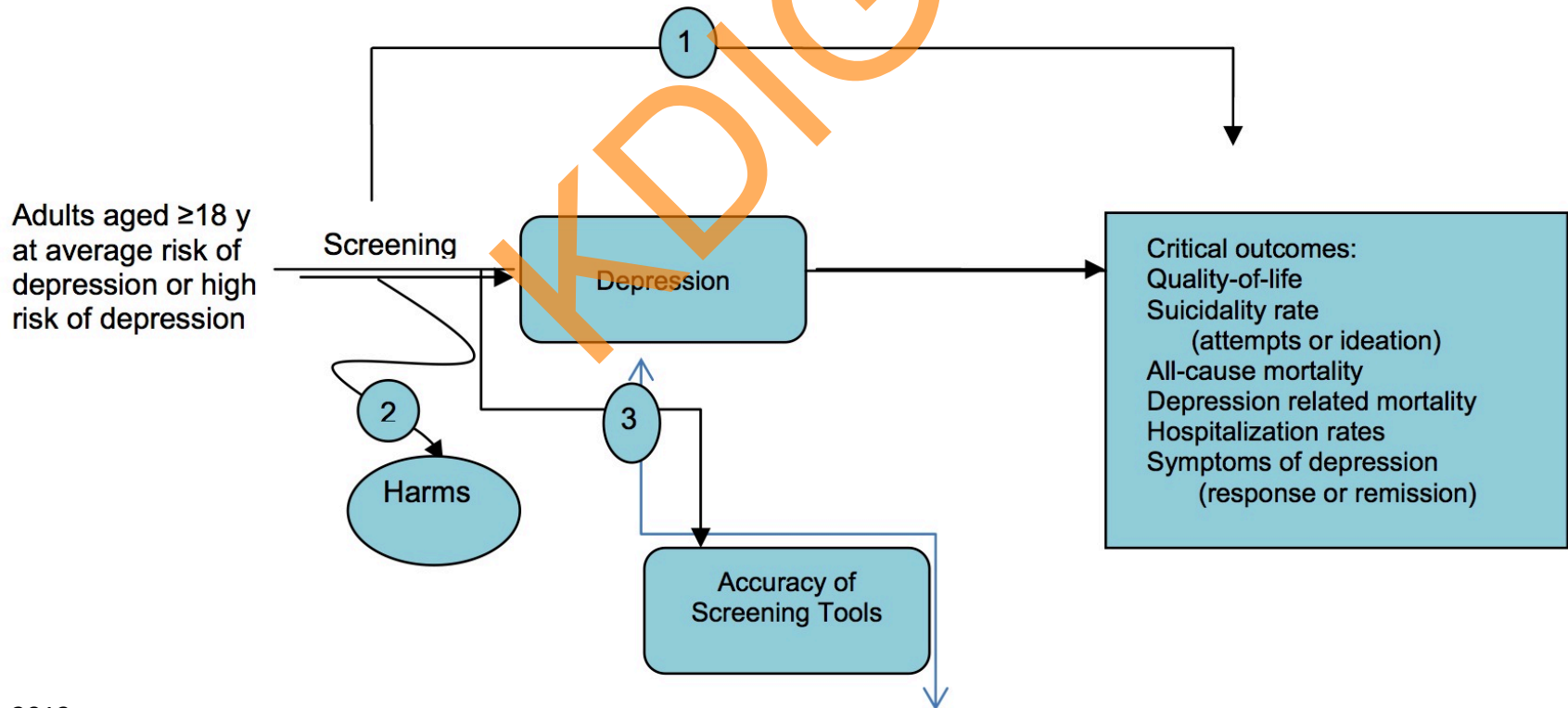
# Analytical framework

KQ1a. What is the evidence for the benefit of screening for depression in asymptomatic adults 18 years of age or over from the general population not at high risk for depression in (i) primary care or (ii) other outpatient settings to improve critical outcomes?

KQ1b. What is the evidence for the benefit of screening for depression in adults at high risk for depression in (i) primary care, (ii) other outpatient settings, or (iii) specialty clinic setting to improve critical outcomes?

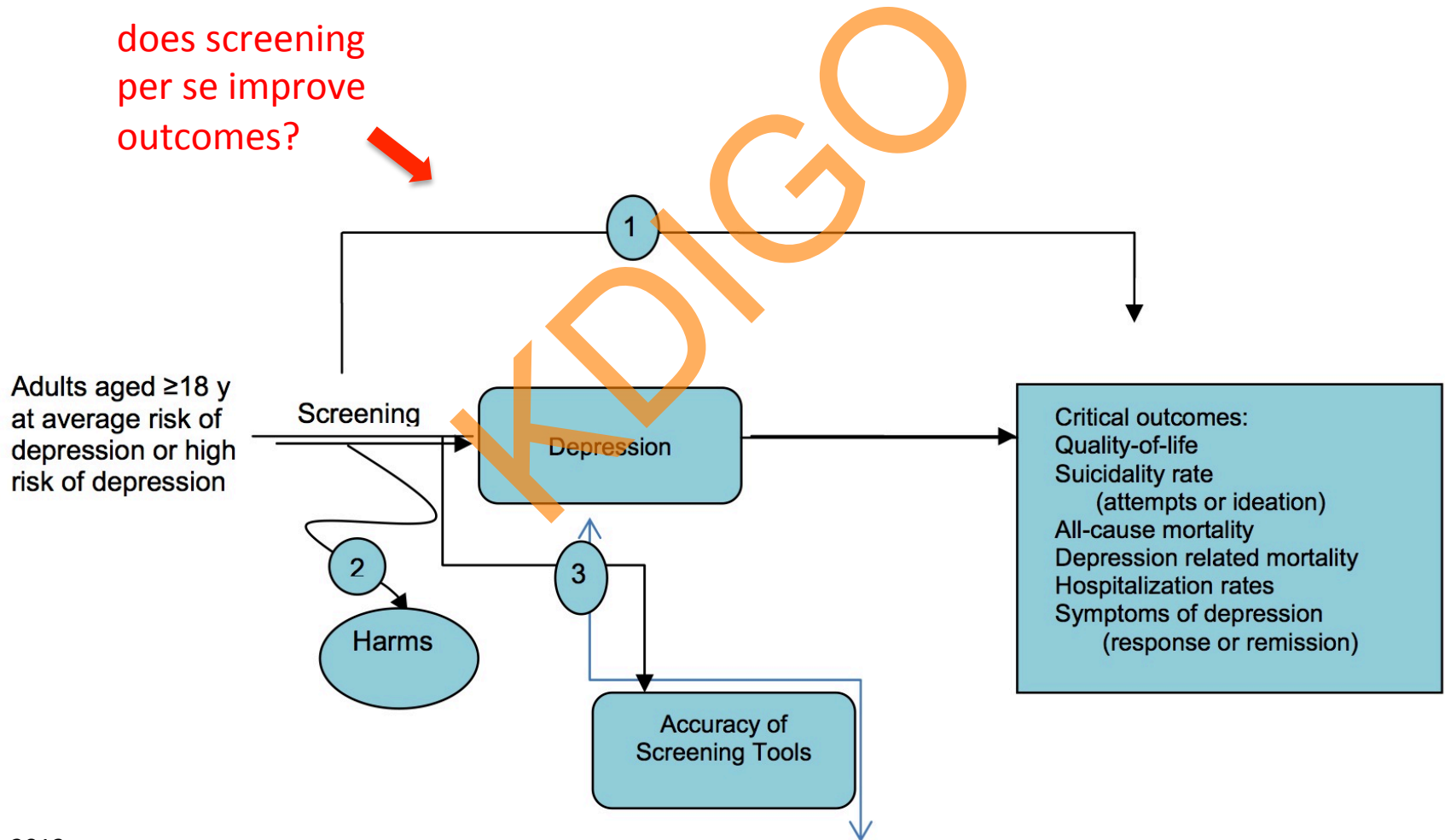
KQ2a. What is the evidence for the harms of screening for depression in asymptomatic adults 18 years of age or over from the general population not at high risk for depression in (i) primary care or (ii) other outpatient settings?

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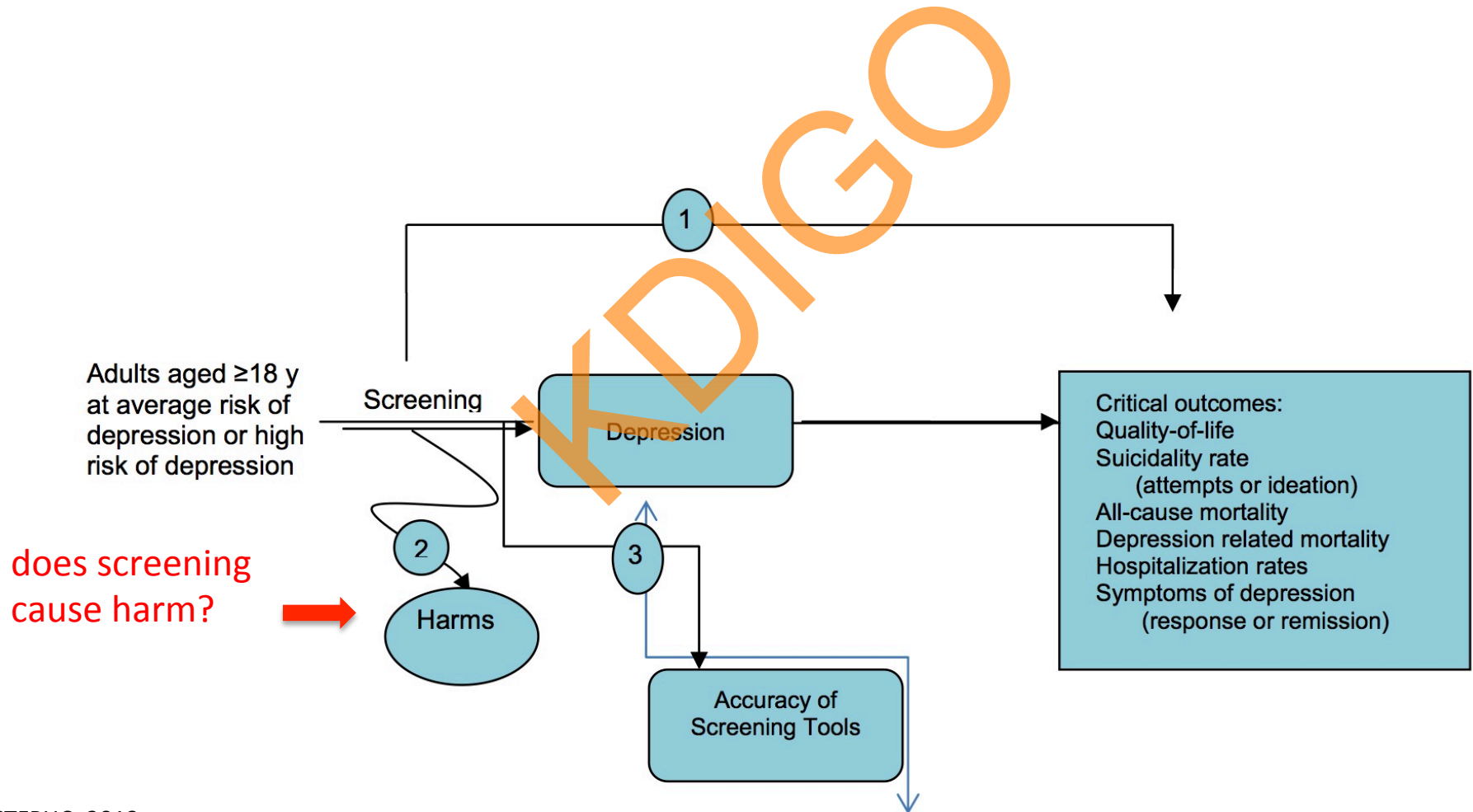


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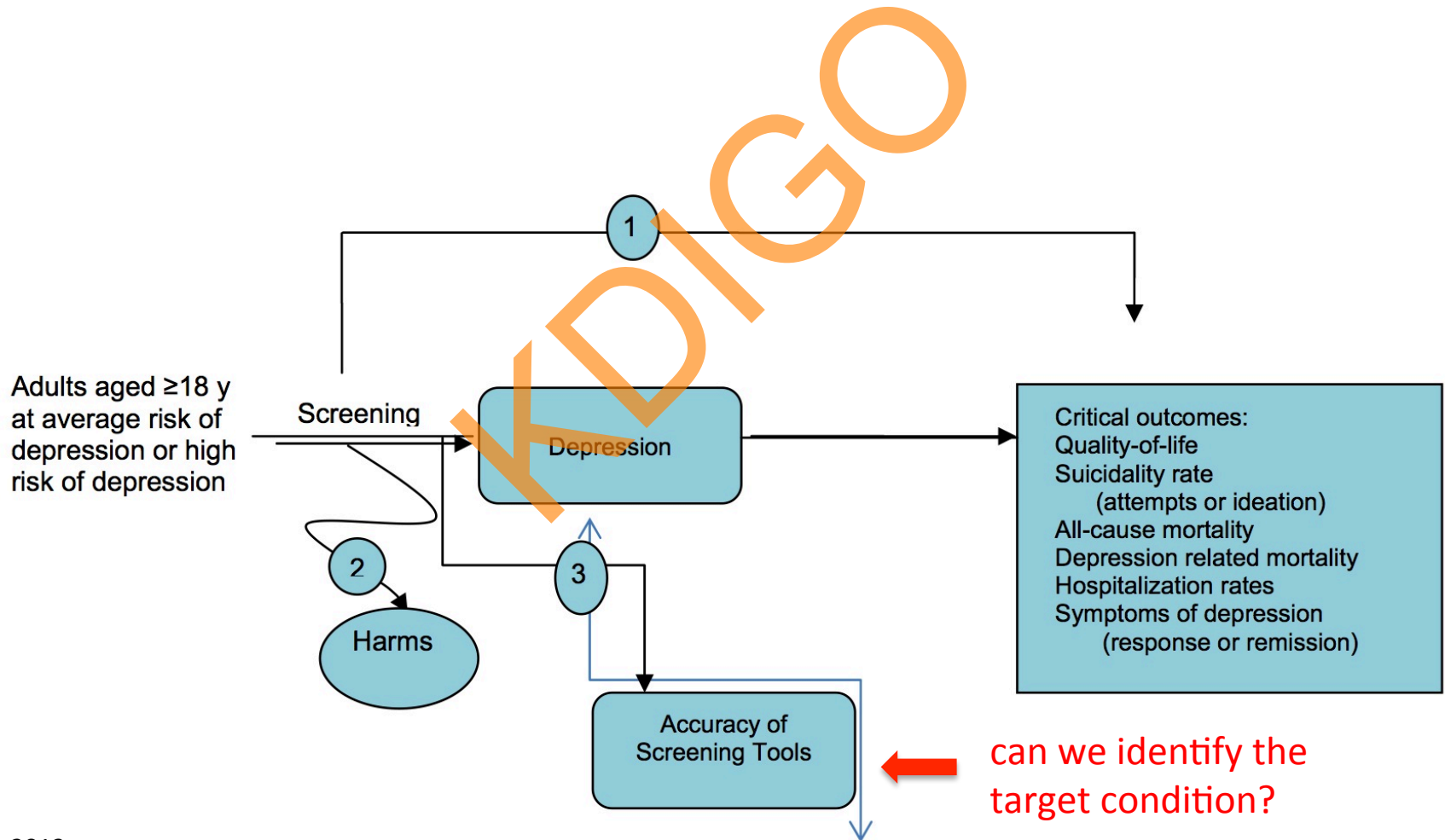
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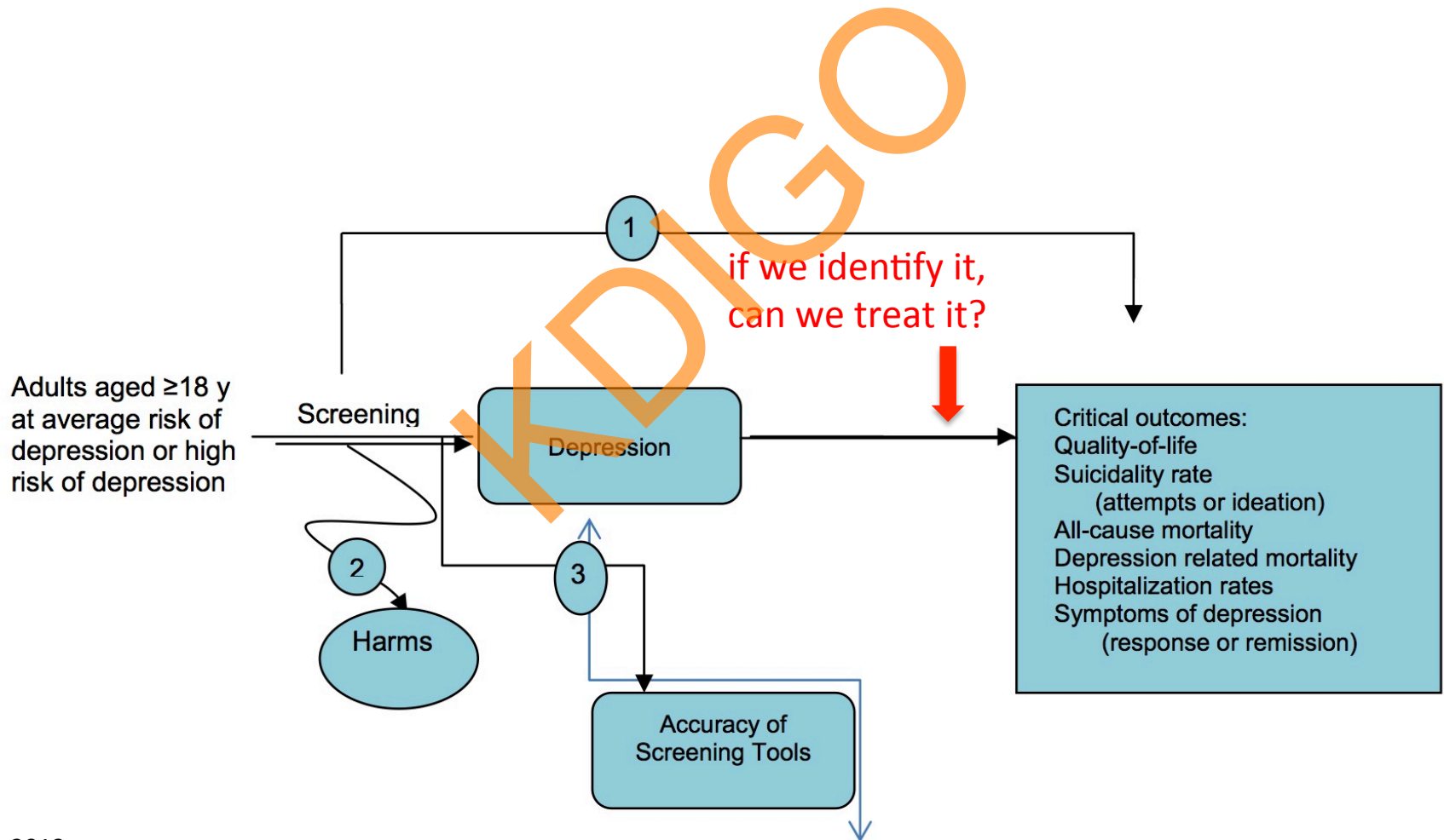
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# The KDIGO approach: interventions

Intervention	Screening criteria	Articles in summary tables		
		CKD stages 3-5	CKD stage 5D	CKD stages 1-5T
Treatment targets	Treatment to different targets of phosphorus; or treatment to different targets of PTH CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	0	0	0
Phosphate binders	Any P Binder vs placebo/active control (except Ca vs placebo) <sup>b</sup> CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	1	19 reports of 11 studies	0
Vitamin D	Vitamin D, calcitriol, or vitamin D analogs vs placebo/active control CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a,c</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	7	3	5
Calcimimetics	Calcimimetics vs placebo/active control CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	1	5 reports of 3 studies	0
Calcium supplementation	Calcium supplementation vs active or control medical treatment CKD stages 3-5 RCTs <sup>a,c</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	0	0	0
Bisphosphonates, calcitonin, estrogen, progesterone, SERMs, intermittent PTH	Treatment vs placebo/active control CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a,c</sup> N ≥ 25 per arm (≥ 10 per arm for bone biopsy) F/U ≥ 6 months	3 Bisphosphonates 1 Teriparatide	1 Raloxifene	3 Bisphosphonates
Diet	Dietary phosphate restriction vs standard diet (must quantify phosphate intake) CKD stages 3-5, 5D, or 1-5T RCTs <sup>a</sup> N ≥ 10 per arm F/U ≥ 1 month for biochemical ≥ 6 months for bone outcomes	0	0	0

# The KDIGO approach: topics not related to treatments

Topic	Question	Screening criteria
Natural history of bone and CVD abnormalities	What is the natural history of bone abnormalities, and vascular and valvular calcification in CKD, after transplantation and after PTx?	CKD stages 3–5D and T Prospective, longitudinal F/U ≥ 6 months N ≥ 50 Predictors: bone biopsy; DXA; qCT; Vascular/Valvular calcification by echo, EBCT, MSCT, qCT, carotid IMT, aortic X-ray Outcomes: change in predictor over time, with or without interim transplantation or PTx
	What is the association between calcium, phosphorus, CaXP, and PTH, and (a) morbidity and mortality, (b) bone abnormalities (histology, DXA, qCT), and (c) vascular and valvular calcification? How do these vary by CKD stage?	CKD stages 3–5D and T Prospective, longitudinal F/U ≥ 6 months N ≥ 100, for bone biopsy N ≥ 20 Predictors: serum calcium (ionized, correct, total), serum phosphorus, CaXP, second, third generation or ratio PTH Outcomes: mortality, bone outcomes, CVD outcomes
Evaluation of biochemical markers	What is the association between additional biomarkers of bone turnover, and (a) morbidity and mortality, (b) bone abnormalities, and (c) vascular and valvular calcification?	CKD stages 3–5D and T Prospective, longitudinal F/U ≥ 6 months N ≥ 100, for bone biopsy N ≥ 20 Predictors: total alkaline phosphatase, bone-specific alkaline phosphatase, TRAP, OC, OPG, C-terminal cross links Outcomes: mortality, bone outcomes, CVD outcomes
	What is the association between vitamin D (25(OH)D and 1,25(OH) <sub>2</sub> D), and (a) morbidity and mortality, (b) bone abnormalities, and (c) vascular and valvular calcification in individuals not treated with vitamin D replacement?	CKD stages 3–5D and T, naïve to treatment with vitamin D Prospective, longitudinal F/U ≥ 6 months N ≥ 100, for bone biopsy N ≥ 20 Predictors: vitamin D, 25(OH)D for all, 1,25 (OH) <sub>2</sub> D for non-dialysis Outcomes: mortality, bone outcomes, CVD outcomes
Evaluation of bone	How do bone biopsy and DXA, and other bone imaging tests, including plain radiographs, qCT, and quantitative US predict (a) clinical outcomes and (b) surrogate outcomes for bone and CVD?	CKD stages 3–5D and T Prospective, longitudinal F/U ≥ 1 year, ≥ 6 months for transplant N ≥ 50, for bone biopsy N ≥ 20 Predictors: bone biopsy, DXA, DXA in combination with biochemical markers, change in DXA over 1 year, bone imaging by qCT (spine, wrist), qUS (heel) Outcomes: mortality, bone outcomes, CVD outcomes



# Overview of selective update (1)

- Select the questions that the CPG will address
  - are any new questions needed?

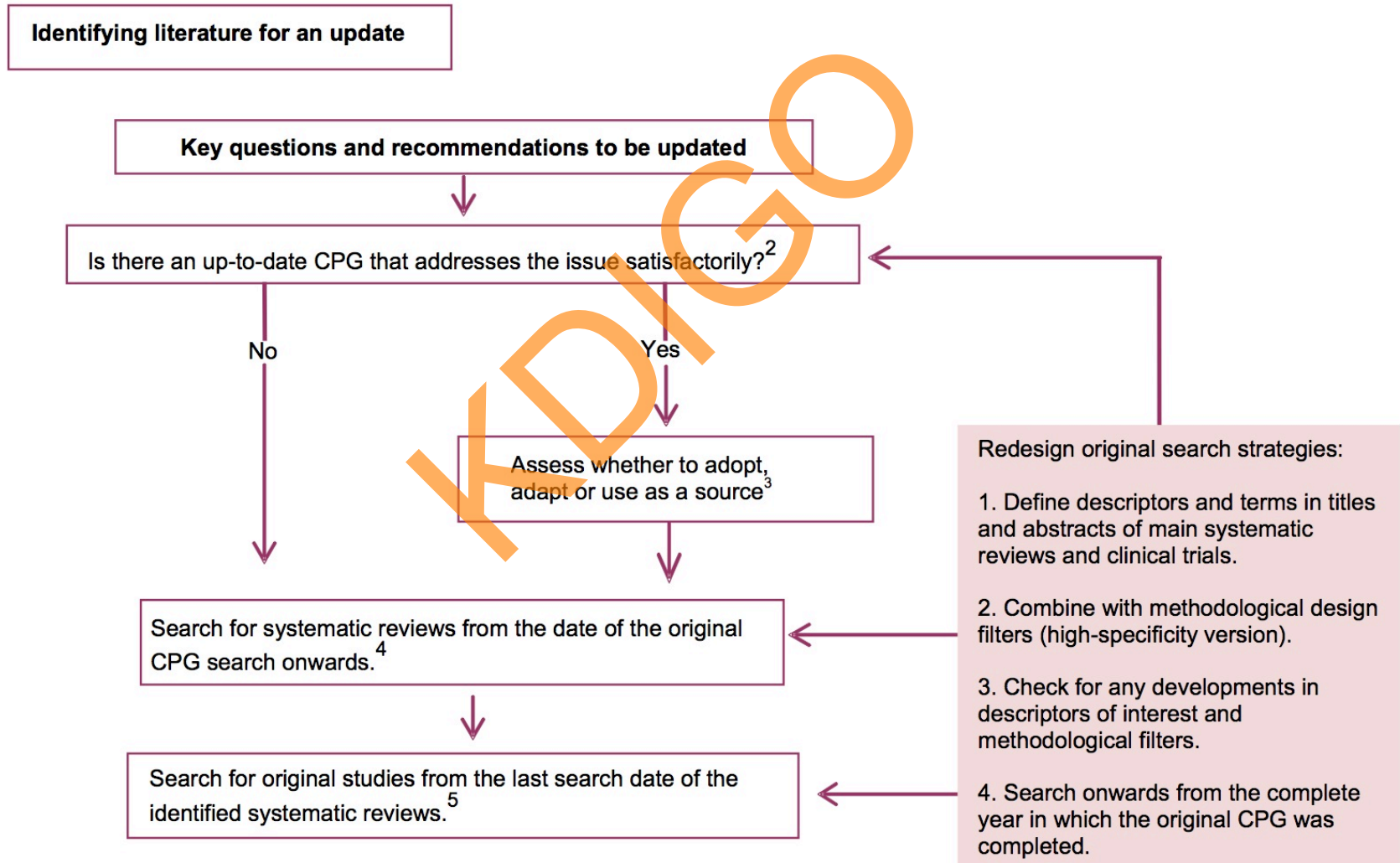
Our task

- Reuse prior questions if possible
  - reduces work of framing, searching, writing
  - makes knowledge translation (KT) easier
- Execute new searches
  - identify questions where there is new evidence

# Overview of selective update (2)

- Review existing recommendations in light of new data
- Draft recommendations to address new questions
- Decide on KT implications

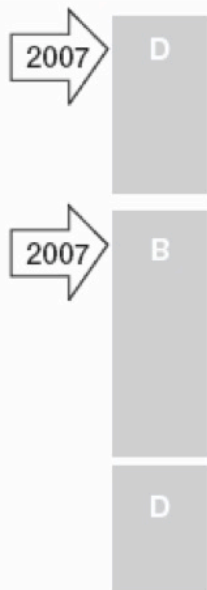
# Existing CPG or SR can sometimes be used to speed up the literature search



# It's important to highlight new or revised recommendations in CPG

## Recommendations for the Basque Health Service

### 18 Clinical Practice Guideline on Hypertension (2007 update)



When AMPA is used to follow up hypertensive patients, a three-day minimum BP self-monitoring schedule is recommended, with three measurements every 12 hours in the week prior to consultation.

When AMPA is used in suspected white coat hypertension, figures equal to or greater than 145/95 mmHg diagnose a patient as hypertensive, while lower figures require MAPA.

Follow-up of white coat hypertension should include non-pharmacological measures and regular evaluation of cardiovascular risk and risk of involvement of target organs.

[Translated from Spanish]

# Goals of the current meeting

- Review and identify which recommendation statements need updating based on evidence published since 2008 (or 2007?)
- Provide rationale for updating or not
- Goal is NOT to draft new recommendations or reappraise specific quality level of evidence for each recommendation. Rather, the goal is provide a suggested roadmap for future Work Group to follow

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**definitely not:** experimental or animal studies

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2. Do the data suggest that the recommendation might/should change?
  - if no → revised CPG would simply cite new studies
  - if yes → proceed to next question

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3. What are the factors that one should consider when deciding whether to revise or not?
  - Change in magnitude or direction of net benefit/harm of Rx
  - Change in quality of evidence
  - Availability of new interventions, strategies or techniques
  - Changes in any of the above for specific populations:
    - e.g elderly, pediatric, transplant, non-dialysis vs. dialysis/Tx, etc

## Suggestion 2: each group to consider whether additional recommendations are needed

- What new topics should the updating Work Group consider?
- To assist the literature search, can the new question(s) be specified in PICOD format (Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome, Duration/Design)?

# Suggestion 3: Final considerations

- Despite progress made since 2009, what are the existing controversial questions and how can future research or improved trial design better resolve them?

# Breakout session #1

## Answer the questions established by each WG

Is there any new evidence in adults, elderly, transplant recipients and children about:

- What are the best ways to measure calcium or phosphorus status, or how frequently should this be measured? (recommendations 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.5, 5.1 and 5.2).  
Factors to consider:
  - albumin binding: tCa vs iCa vs cCa
  - variation: intraindividual (diurnal), therapy (dialysis)-induced, inter-assay
  - diagnostic properties (Sn, Sp, PPV, NPV)
  - availability/cost
  - balance vs excretion vs serum levels
  - consider for G3-G5a, HD/PD and CKD-T separately
- What is the target range for serum phosphorus or calcium (recommendations 4.1.1 and 4.1.2)? Factors to consider:
  - different ranges for G3-G5a, HD/PD and Tx?
  - are there other clinical characteristics that should affect the target range?

# Breakout session #2

Answer the more specific questions below for each recommendation:

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should this recommendation be revised?



# Discussion

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