The CHEST guideline development process takes roughly 18 months once the full panel is convened, depending on the scope. The key milestones in the process are outlined below. The timeline is subject to change based on a multitude of factors, including the number of clinical questions addressed, the complexities and volume of literature, and the engagement of panels.

Month	Deliverable(s)	Responsible Parties
1	Define key clinical questions and scope	Chair(s) and panelists
1	Finalize clinical questions, PICO elements, and search terms	Chair(s), panelists and methodologists
1-2	Develop and run search strategies	Methodologist
2-3	Review search results, conduct study selection through title and abstract screening.	Methodologist and panelists
3	Obtain full-text articles and conduct full-text screening	Methodologist and panelists
3-4	Evaluate study methods and develop quality assessment (1-2 hours per study)	Methodologist
4-5	Abstract study data into tables and review pooled results	Methodolofist and panelists
5-7	Prepare update evidence profiles/summary of findings tables	Methodologist in consultation with panelists
5-7	Utilize the Evidence-to-Decision Framework to develop recommendations/statements and draft supporting text	Panelists
5-7	Develop COI grid	Project staff, panelists, and GOC Domain Liaison
5-7 8	Review and finalize recommendations and grades, and conduct voting	Panelists and methodologist
9	Revisions completed	Chair(s), panelists and project staff
9	Submit for GOC review	Project staff
9	Discuss post-publication dissemination and implementation activities	Chair(s), panelists, project staff, GOC and other stakeholders*
10-11	Respond to all GOC comments and submit needed revisions for journal and leadership review	Chair(s), panelists and project staff
11-12	Request endorsements from key societies/representative organizations	Project staff
12-13	Respond to all journal and leadership comments and resubmit	Chair(s), panelists and project staff
13-16	Respond to queries arising during journal copyediting and design	Chair(s)
16	Online Publication	Journal
18	Final Print Publication	Journal

*May include Education Committee, Scientific Program Committee, and other leadership or staff.