

Sample Checklist for Evaluating Health-related Sources of Information (Grade 9)

Author: _____ Publisher: _____

Title: _____ Copyright Date: _____

Criteria				
	Yes	No	Not sure/ Don't know	Comments
The author				
The author's credentials are visible for the consumer to see.				
The author's educational background is in the discipline in which the author is writing. (Note: Be cautious of titles that sound impressive but do not really indicate professional qualifications.)				
The author is a recognized expert in the discipline in which he or she is writing.				
The author is a recognized member of a professional health organization in the area in which he or she is writing.				
The author considers other authorities and all of the relevant evidence and arguments, not just the evidence that supports his or her position.				
The source				
The source (publisher, producer) is recognized in the health field.				
The source is interested in sharing information, not in presenting a bias or making a profit.				

“Yes” answers are positive indicators.