



Clinical Policy Guiding Document: Clinical Practice Guideline Hierarchy

BACKGROUND

In order to provide consistent quality health care to members, WellCare adopts Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs). While clinical judgment may supersede the CPGs, the guidelines aid Providers with guidelines centered on procedures, pre-appraised resources and informational tools to assist in applying evidence from research in the care of individual members and populations. The CPGs are based on medical evidence and are relevant to the population served. The guidelines support quality and efficiency of care by establishing guidance to improve care for behavioral health, chronic disease, and preventive care. CPGs are reviewed annually and revised as necessary. When there are differing opinions noted by national organizations, WellCare will default to the member's benefit structure as deemed by state contracts and Medicaid and Medicare regulations. If there is no specific language pertaining to the topic, WellCare will default (in order) to the following:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA);
- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), National Quality Strategy (NQS), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ);
- Specialty associations, colleges, societies, etc. (e.g., American Academy of Family Physicians, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Cancer Society, etc.).

Links to websites below are provided for the convenience of Providers. Listings do not imply endorsement by WellCare of the information contained on these websites. At the time of publication, all links were up to date. The last published date of the CPG is also noted next to the title.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

ADHD: HS-1020 (May 2018)

- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
[Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder \(2007\)](#)
- American Academic of Pediatrics
[ADHD: Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment of ADHD in Children and Adolescents \(2011\)](#)

Anxiety Disorders: HS-1057 (June 2018)

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
[Diagnosis and Management of Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Panic Disorder in Adults \(2015\)](#)

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Panic Disorder \(2010\)](#)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Generalised Anxiety Disorder and Panic Disorder in Adults: Management \(2011\)](#)

Autism Spectrum Disorder: HS-1016 (May 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Recommendations on Autism Spectrum Disorder \(2016\)](#)

NOTE: Refers to the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Neurology, and Child Neurology Society.

- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
[Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with ASD \(2014\)](#)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Autism Spectrum Disorder in Individuals Under 19: Recognition, Referral and Diagnosis \(2011\)](#)
[Autism Spectrum Disorder in Adults: Diagnosis and Management \(2016\)](#)

Behavioral Health Conditions and Substance Use in High Risk Pregnancy: HS-1040 (April 2018)

- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Screening for Perinatal Depression \(No. 630\) \(2015\)](#)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
[Guidelines for Identification and Management of Substance Use & Substance Use Disorders in Pregnancy \(2014\)](#)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
[Alcohol Misuse Screening & Behavioral Counseling \(2015\)](#)
[Antidepressant Treatment of Depression During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period \(2014\)](#)

Behavioral Health Screening in Primary Care Settings: HS-1036 (May 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Depression in Adults: Screening \(2016\)](#)
[Depression in Children and Adolescents: Screening \(2016\)](#)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
[Clinical Preventive Service Recommendation: Depression \(2016\)](#)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
[Mental Health Screening and Assessment Tools for Primary Care](#)
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Committee Opinion No. 630: Screening for Perinatal Depression \(2015\)](#)
- American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM)
[Screening Adults for Depression in Primary Care \(2009\)](#)
- Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF)
[Improving Mental Health and Addressing Mental Illness](#)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
[Adult Depression in Primary Care \(2013\)](#)

Bipolar Disorder: HS-1017 (August 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Bipolar Disorder, Second Edition](#) (2002)
[Guideline Watch](#) (update to 2002 edition) (2005)

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health: HS-1049 (August 2018)

- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)

Practice Parameters

- [Autism](#) (2014)
- [Cultural Competency](#) (2013)
- [Child Welfare](#) (2015)
- [Eating Disorders](#) (2015)
- [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Youth](#) (2012)
- [Obsessive Compulsive Disorder](#) (2012)
- [Psychodynamic Psychotherapy with Children](#) (2012)
- [Reactive Attachment Disorder and Disinhibited Social Engagement Disorder](#) (2016)
- [Schizophrenia](#) (2013)
- [Tic Disorders](#) (2013)

Policy Statements

- [Autism and Vaccines](#) (2016)
 - [Children and Guns](#) (2016)
 - [Coercive Interventions for Reactive Attachment Disorder](#) (2016)
 - [Comorbidity Treatment in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Intellectual Disabilities](#) (2013)
 - [Delivery of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services Through Telepsychiatry](#) (2017)
 - [Family and Youth Participation in Clinical Decision-Making](#) (2009)
 - [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender Parents](#) (2009)
 - [HIV/AIDS and Children and Adolescents](#) (2009)
 - [HIV and Psychiatric Hospitalization of Children and Adolescents](#) (2009)
 - [Prevention of Bullying Related Morbidity and Mortality](#) (2011)
 - [Psychologists Prescribing](#) (2017)
 - [Psychotherapy as a Core Competence of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist](#) (2014)
 - [Transgender Youth in Juvenile Justice and other Correctional Systems](#) (2016)
 - [Pharmaceutical Benefit Management & Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children & Adolescents](#) (2009)
 - [Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Civil Rights](#) (2009)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question](#) (2015)

Depressive Disorders Adults, Children and Adolescents: HS-1022 (June 2018)

- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
[Practice Parameter for the Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents With Depressive Disorders](#) (2007)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Major Depressive Disorder](#) (2010)
- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)
[Depression: The NICE Guideline on the Treatment and Management of Depression in Adults](#) (2009)

Eating Disorders: HS-1046 (July 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association
[APA Practice Guideline: Eating Disorders](#) (2006)
[APA Guideline Watch: Eating Disorders](#) (2012)

Gender Reassignment, Transgender Issues: HS-1059 (June 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association
[Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People](#) (2015)
- Center of Excellence for Transgender Health (CoE) at the University of California – San Francisco
[Guidelines for the Primary and Gender-Affirming Care of Transgender and Gender Nonbinary People](#) (2016)
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health
[Standards of Care for the Health of Transsexual, Transgender, and Gender Nonconforming People](#) (7th ed.)

Opioid Use Disorder and Treatment: HS-1053 (April 2018)

- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
[Opioid Abuse, Dependence and Addiction in Pregnancy: A Joint Opinion of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women and the American Society of Addiction Medicine](#) (2012)

[National Practice Guideline for the Use of Medications in the Treatment of Addiction Involving Opioid Use](#) (2015)

[Pharmacological Therapies for Opioid Use Disorders](#) (2013)
[Measures to Counteract Prescription Drug Diversion, Misuse and Addiction](#) (2012)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
[Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs](#) (2015)
[SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit](#) (2013)
- MCG Behavioral Health
Outpatient Opioid Maintenance Therapy (subscription)
- American Medical Association
[AMA Opioid Task Force](#)
[Reducing Opioid Abuse and Misuse](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#) (2017)
[Guideline Information for Providers](#) (2017)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
[Medication-Assisted Treatment Models of Care for Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care Settings](#) (2016)
[The Effectiveness and Risks of Long-Term Opioid Treatment of Chronic Pain](#) (2014)

Persons with Serious Mental Illness and Medical Comorbidities: HS-1044 (July 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Bipolar Disorder, Second Edition](#) (2002)
[Guideline Watch](#) (update to 2002 edition) (2005)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: HS-1048 (May 2018)

- United States Department of Veterans Affairs
[VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of PTSD and Acute Stress Disorder](#) (2017)
- American Psychiatric Association
[Guideline Watch: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Acute Stress Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder](#) (2009)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
[Interventions for the Prevention of PTSD in Adults After Exposure to Psychological Trauma](#) (2013)
[Psychological and Pharmacological Treatments for Adults With Posttraumatic Stress Disorder](#) (2013)

Schizophrenia: HS-1026 (August 2018)

- National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Psychosis and Schizophrenia in Adults](#) (2014)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia, Second Edition](#) (2004)
[Guideline Watch: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia](#) (2009)

Substance Use Disorders: HS-1031 (August 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Substance Use Disorders, Second Edition](#) (2006)
[Guideline Watch: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Substance Use Disorders](#) (2007)

Suicidal Behavior: HS-1027 (May 2018)

- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
[Practice Guideline for the Assessment and Treatment of Patients with Suicidal Behaviors](#) (2003)

CHRONIC HEALTH GUIDELINES

AUTOIMMUNE

Rheumatoid Arthritis: HS-1025 (July 2018)

- American College of Rheumatology
[American College of Rheumatology Guideline for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis](#) (2015)
- National Institute for Health Care Excellence (NICE)
[Rheumatoid Arthritis in Adults: Management](#) (2015)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
[Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis in Adults: An Update](#) (2012)

CARDIOLOGY

Cardiovascular Disease: HS-1002 (September 2018)

- American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American Heart Association (AHA)
[ACC/AHA Prevention Guideline on the Assessment of Cardiovascular Risk – A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines](#) (2013)

- AHA and ACC Task Force on Practice Guidelines
[AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease: Executive Summary](#) (2014)
- AHA and the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF)
[Secondary Prevention and Risk Reduction Therapy for Patients With Coronary and Other Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease \(AVD\)](#) (2011)
- Eighth Joint National Committee (JNC 8)
[Evidence-Based Guideline for the Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults: Report From the Panel Members Appointed to the Eighth Joint National Committee \(JNC 8\)](#) (2014)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
[Coronary Artery Disease, Stable](#) (2013)

Cholesterol Management: HS-1005 (September 2018)

- American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association
[ACC/AHA guideline on the treatment of blood cholesterol to reduce atherosclerotic cardiovascular risk in adults: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines](#) (2013)
- National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
[Third Report of the Expert Panel on Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Cholesterol in Adults \(Adult Treatment Panel III\)](#) (2002)

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**Neonatal and Infant Health: HS-1072 (July 2018)**

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Folic Acid for the Prevention of Neural Tube Defects](#)
[Ocular Prophylaxis for Gonococcal Ophthalmia Neonatorum](#)
- Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics
[America's Children: Key National Indicators Forum of Well-Being](#)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
[iNO for Preterm Infants](#)
[Apnea of Prematurity](#)
[Hyperbilirubinemia](#)
[Brief Resolved Unexplained Event \(BRUE\)](#)
[Prenatal Substance Abuse](#)
[Evaluation of Child Abuse](#)
[Hypothermia and Neonatal Encephalopathy](#)
[Newborn Biliary Atresia](#)
- Bright Futures
[Infancy Visit Tools](#)
[Oral Health Risk Assessment Tool](#)
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
[Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip](#)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Developmental Follow-Up of Children and Young People Born Preterm](#)
[Jaundice in Newborn Babies Born Under 28 Days](#)
[Neonatal Infection \(Early Onset\): Antibiotics for Prevention and Treatment](#)

DENTAL**Dental and Oral Health: HS-1065 (July 2018)**

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
[Annual Dental Visits](#) (2016)
- American Dental Association
[ADA Positions, Policies, and Statements](#)
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
[Guideline on Infant Oral Health](#) (2002)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
[Preventive Oral Health Intervention for Pediatricians](#) (2008)

ENDOCRINE**Diabetes in Adults: HS-1009 (September 2018)**

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Abnormal Blood Glucose and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Screening](#) (2015)
- American Diabetes Association (ADA)
[Diabetes Care](#) (2015)
[American Diabetes Association: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes](#) (2016)
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) & American College of Endocrinology (ACE)
[Consensus statement by the AACE and the ACE on the Comprehensive Type 2 Diabetes Management Algorithm](#) (2016)

Diabetes in Children: HS-1004 (January 2018)

- American Diabetes Association
[Diabetes Care](#) (2015)
[American Diabetes Association: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes](#) (2016)
- American Pediatrics Association
[Management of Newly Diagnosed Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus \(T2DM\) in Children and Adolescents](#) (2013)

Obesity in Children and Adults: HS-1014 (June 2018)

- American Heart Association (AHA), American College of Cardiology (ACC) and The Obesity Society
[American Heart Association \(AHA\), American College of Cardiology \(ACC\) and The Obesity Society guideline for the management of overweight and obesity in adults](#) (2014)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
[The Role of the Pediatrician in Primary Prevention of Obesity](#) (2015)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
[Obesity for Children and Adolescents: Prevention and Management](#) (2013)
- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
NOTE: See age specific preventive health CPGs below.

HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY

Cancer: HS-1034 (May 2018)

- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
[ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
[NCCN Guidelines](#)
- American Cancer Society (ACS) and the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
NOTE: See age specific preventive health CPGs below.

Palliative Care: HS-1043 (May 2018)

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
[NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Palliative Care](#)
- National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care
[National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 3rd ed.](#) (2013)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
[Palliative Care](#) (2013)
- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
[Position Statement: Toward Individualized Care for Patients With Advanced Cancer](#) (2011)
- American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM)
[AAPM Position Statement on Ethical Practice of Pain Medicine](#) (2011)

Sickle Cell Disease: HS-1038 (September 2018)

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Sickle Cell Disease: Managing Acute Painful Episodes in Hospital \(CG143\)](#) (2012)
- National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
[Evidence-Based Management of Sickle Cell Disease: Expert Panel Report](#) (2014)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
[Health Supervision for Children with Sickle Cell Disease](#) (2011)

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Hepatitis: HS-1050 (May 2018)

- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)
[AASLD Guidelines for Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis B](#) (2015)
[Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C](#) (2014)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
[Interventions To Improve Patient Adherence to Hepatitis C Treatment: Comparative Effectiveness](#) (2012)
[Treatment for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adults](#) (2012)

HIV Screening and Antiretroviral Treatment: HS-1024 (May 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPTSF)
[Human Immunodeficiency Virus \(HIV\) Infection: Screening](#) (2013)
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Gynecologic Care for Women and Adolescents with HIV](#) (Practice Bulletin No. 167) (2016)
[Prenatal and Perinatal HIV Testing: Expanded Recommendations \(Committee Opinion No. 635\)](#) (2015)
[Scheduled Cesarean Delivery and the Prevention of Vertical Transmission of HIV Infection \(Committee Opinion No. 234\)](#) (2015)
[Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV \(Committee Opinion No. 595\)](#) (2014)
[Routine HIV Screening \(Committee Opinion No. 596\)](#) (2014)
[HIV/AIDS and Women of Color \(Committee Opinion No. 536\)](#) (2012)
[Joint Statement of ACOG / American Academy of Pediatrics on Human Immunodeficiency Virus Screening](#) (1999)
- New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute
[Diagnosis and Management of Acute HIV Infections](#) (2015)
- National Institute of Health (NIH)
[Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1-Infected Adults and Adolescents](#) (2016)
- International Antiviral Society (IAS) – USA Panel
[Antiretroviral Treatment of Adult HIV Infection: 2014 Recommendations of the IAS-USA Panel](#) (2014)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
[Strategies for Improving the Lives of Women Aged 40 and Above Living With HIV/AIDS](#) (2016)

Managing Infections: HS-1037 (August 2018)

- American College of Emergency Physicians
[Detect, Act, Reassess, Titrate \(DART\)](#)

Pneumonia: HS-1062 (August 2018)

- Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) / American Thoracic Society (ATS)
[Management of Adults with Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia](#) (2016)
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) / Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)
[Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Infants and Children Older than 3 Months of Age](#) (2011)

NEUROLOGY

Epilepsy: HS-1070 (January 2018)

- American Academy of Neurology
[Epilepsy Guidelines](#)
- American Academy of Neurology / American Epilepsy Society
[Practice Parameter: Evaluating an Apparent Unprovoked First Seizure in Adults](#) (2007)
- American Epilepsy Foundation
[Guidelines](#)

Neurodegenerative Disease: HS-1032 (April 2018)

- American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
[Practice Parameter Update: The Care of the Patient with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Drug, Nutritional, and Respiratory Therapies](#) (2014)
[Evidence-Based Guideline: Pharmacologic Treatment of Chorea in Huntington Disease](#) (2012)
- American Psychiatric Association
[Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias](#) (2007)
[Guideline Watch: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias](#) (2014)
- American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP)
[Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease](#) (2011)
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Dementia, Disability and Frailty in Later Life – Mid-Life Approaches to Delay or Prevent Onset](#) (2015)
[Parkinson's Disease in Adults](#) (2017)

Pain Management: HS-1064 (April 2018)

- International Association for the Study of Pain
[IASP Taxonomy](#) (2012)
- National Institutes of Health
[Federal Pain Research Strategy: A Strategic Plan for Pain Research Across Federal Agencies](#)
- American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM)
[AAPM Position Statement on Ethical Practice of Pain Medicine](#) (2001)

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): HS-1066 (July 2018)

- United States Department of Veteran Affairs
[Management of Concussion-mild Traumatic Brain Injury \(mTBI\)](#) (2016)
- Brain Trauma Foundation
[Guidelines for the Management of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury \(4th ed.\)](#) (2016)

PULMONARY

Asthma: HS-1001 (August 2018)

- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
[Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma](#) (2007)
[Asthma Action Plan](#)
- Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)
[GINA Report, Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention](#) (2016)

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): HS-1007 (August 2018)

- American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society, and European Respiratory Society
[Diagnosis and Management of Stable COPD: A Clinical Practice Guideline Update](#) (2011)

- Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease
[Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of COPD](#) (2016)
- American Lung Association
[My COPD Action Plan](#) (2016)

Tobacco Cessation: HS-1035 (January 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Tobacco Smoking Cessation in Adults, Including Pregnant Women: Behavioral and Pharmacotherapy Interventions](#) (2015)
[Tobacco Use in Children and Adolescents: Primary Care Interventions](#) (2013)
- United States Department of Health and Human Services
[Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence](#) (2008)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs](#) (2014)

RENAL HEALTH

Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease: HS-1006 (May 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Final Recommendation Statement: Chronic Kidney Disease \(CKD\) Screening](#) (2012)
- Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)
[Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of CKD](#) (2012)
- National Kidney Foundation
[Acute Kidney Injury](#) (2016)

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Osteoporosis: HS-1015 (June 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Screening for Osteoporosis](#) (2011)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
[Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteoporosis](#) (2013)
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Osteoporosis \(no. 129\)](#) (2012)
- National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF)
[Clinician's Guide to Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis](#) (2014)
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE)
[Medical Guidelines for Clinical Practice for the Diagnosis & Treatment of Postmenopausal Women](#) (2010)

Preconception and Inter-Pregnancy: HS-1028 (May 2018)

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[Update: Providing Quality Family Planning Services: recommendations from CDC and the U.S. Office of Population Affairs](#) (2015)
[Content of Care for Women](#) (2014)

- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[The Importance of Preconception Care in the Continuum of Women's Health Care \(Committee Opinion No. 313\)](#) (2015)

Pregnancy and Post-Partum Care: HS-1029 (May 2018)

- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Screening for Perinatal Depression \(Committee Opinion No. 630\)](#) (2015)
[Prenatal and perinatal human immunodeficiency virus testing: expanded recommendations \(Committee Opinion No. 635\)](#) (2015)

PREVENTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES

Adolescent Preventive Health: HS-1051 (November 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Skin Cancer: Counseling](#) (2012)
[Tobacco Smoking Cessation in Children and Adolescents: Primary Care Interventions](#) (2013)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
[Bright Futures / American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care](#)
- American Optometric Association (AOA)
[Recommended Eye Examination Frequency for Pediatric Patients and Adults](#) (2015)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
[Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years, United States](#) (2016)
[Catch-Up Immunization Schedule For Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind, United States](#) (2016)

Adult Preventive Health: HS-1018 (November 2018)

Older Adult Preventive Health: HS-1063 (November 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Abnormal Blood Glucose and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Screening](#) (2015)
[Alcohol Misuse: Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care](#) (2013)
[Aspirin Use to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease and Colorectal Cancer: Preventive Medication](#) (2016)
[Breast Cancer Screening](#) (2016)
[Cervical Cancer: Screening](#) (2012)
[Chlamydia and Gonorrhea: Screening](#) (2014)
[Colorectal Cancer: Screening](#) (2016)
[Folic Acid](#) (2017)
[Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: Screening](#) (2014)
[Healthful Diet and Physical Activity for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Adults With Cardiovascular Risk Factors: Behavioral Counseling](#) (2014)
[Hepatitis B Virus Infection: Screening](#) (2014)
[Hepatitis B in Pregnant Women: Screening](#) (2009)
[Hepatitis C: Screening](#) (2013)
[High Blood Pressure in Adults: Screening](#) (2015)
[HIV: Screening](#) (2013)
[Impaired Visual Acuity in Older Adults](#) (2016)
[Low-Dose Aspirin Use for the Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality From Preeclampsia](#) (2014)
[Osteoporosis: Screening](#) (2011)

[Sexually Transmitted Infections: Behavioral Counseling](#) (2014)
[Skin Cancer: Counseling](#) (2012)
[Statin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Adults: Preventive Medication](#) (2016)
[Syphilis: Screening](#) (2009)
[Tobacco Smoking Cessation in Adults, Including Pregnant Women: Behavioral and Pharmacotherapy Interventions](#) (2015)
[Vitamin D and Calcium to Prevent Fractures: Preventive Medication](#) (2013)

- American Academy of Ophthalmology
[Frequency of Ocular Examinations](#) (2015)
- American Academy of Family Physicians
[Clinical Recommendations by Topic](#)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
[Policy Statement: Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk](#) (2012)
- American Cancer Society (ACS)
[Breast Cancer Screening For Women at Average Risk](#) (2015)
[Guidelines for the Early Detection of Cancer](#) (2017)
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
[Breast Cancer Screening](#) (2016)
[Optimizing Support for Breastfeeding as Part of Obstetric Practice \(Committee Opinion No. 658\)](#) (2016)
[Osteoporosis \(Practice Bulletin No. 129\)](#) (2012)
- American College of Gastroenterology
[Colorectal Cancer Screening](#) (2009)
- American Diabetes Association
[Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes](#) (2017)
- American Optometric Association
[Recommended Eye Examination Frequency for Pediatric Patients and Adults](#) (2015)
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
[Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
[Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) vaccine recommendations](#) (2017)
[Compendium of Evidence-Based Interventions and Best Practices for HIV Prevention](#) (2017)
[Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older, United States](#) (2017)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
[NCCN Guidelines](#)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
[NCCN Guidelines](#)

Fall Risk Assessment: HS-1033 (September 2018)

- American Geriatrics Society and the British Geriatrics Society
[Summary of the Updated American Geriatrics Society/British Geriatrics Society Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention of Falls in Older Persons](#) (2016)
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
[Guidelines for Preventing Falls](#)

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
[Falls in Older People: Assessing Risk and Prevention](#)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
[Preventing Falls in Hospitals](#)

Frailty and Special Populations: HS-1052 (September 2018)

- Guidelines have not been published by a related national organization.

Pediatric Preventive Health: HS-1019 (March 2018)

- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
[Dental Caries in Children from Birth Through Age 5 Years: Screening](#) (2014)
[Skin Cancer: Counseling](#) (2012)
[Tobacco Use in Children and Adolescents: Primary Care Interventions](#) (2013)
[Vision in Children Ages 6 Months to 5 Years: Screening](#) (2017)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
[Bright Futures / American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care](#)
- American Optometric Association (AOA)
[Recommended Eye Examination Frequency for Pediatric Patients and Adults](#) (2015)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
[Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years, United States](#) (2016)
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MEDICAL POLICY COMMITTEE HISTORY AND REVISIONS

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