

Clinical Practice and Preventive Health Guidelines



For All of L.A.

Adopted by L.A. Care Health Plan


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Clinical Practice Guidelines



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- ⌘ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2023. 
- ⌘ General Clinical Resources
 - cdc.gov
 - nih.gov
 - ahrq.gov



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- ❖ American Psychiatric Association Practice Guidelines for the Psychiatric Evaluation of Adults, 3rd Edition (2015). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment of ADHD in Children and Adolescents. American Academy of Pediatrics (2019). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Current Pharmacologic Treatment of Dementia: A Clinical Practice Guideline from the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians (2008). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Promoting Optimal Development: Identifying Infants and Young Children With Developmental Disorders Through Developmental Surveillance and Screening (2020). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Clinical practice guideline for the treatment of depression across three age cohorts (2019). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions to Reduce Unhealthy Alcohol Use in Adolescents and Adults (2018). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ Standards of Care for the Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People, World Professional Association for Transgender Health, 8th Version (2022). [🔗](#)
 - ❖ The National Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder. American Society of Addiction Medicine (2020). [🔗](#)
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CARDIOVASCULAR

- ❖ 2019 ACC/AHA Guideline on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/ American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines (2019). [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2018 AHA/ACC/AACVPR/AAPA/ABC/ACPM/ADA/AGS/APhA/ASPC/NLA/PCNA Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol (2018). [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update of the 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure. [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2017 ACC/AHA/AAPA/ABC/ACPM/AGS/APhA/ASH/ASPC/NMA/PCNA Guideline for the Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults. [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2019 AHA/ACC/HRS Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients with Atrial Fibrillation. [🔗](#)
- ❖ American College of Cardiology. Acute Management of Pulmonary Embolism (2017). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Antithrombotic Therapy for VTE Disease: CHEST Guideline and Expert Panel Report (2016). [🔗](#)



ENDOCRINE

- American Diabetes Association (ADA) Diabetes Care (2023). [🔗](#)



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- Adult and Pediatric Acute Infection Guideline Summary. Physicians for a Healthy California (2019). [🔗](#)
- California Department of Public Health. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Clinical Guidelines and Tools. [🔗](#)
- CA Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment & User Guide for L.A. County (2018). [🔗](#)
- Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Practice Guidelines (2022). [🔗](#)
- IDSA Updates Guideline for Managing Group A Streptococcal Pharyngitis (2023). [🔗](#)
- American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine: Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community-acquired Pneumonia. An Official Clinical Practice Guideline of the American Thoracic Society and Infectious Diseases Society of America (2019). [🔗](#)
- International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock. Society of Critical Care Medicine (2017). [🔗](#)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2021). [🔗](#)



PAIN MANAGEMENT

- CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2022). [🔗](#)
- Noninvasive Treatment for Acute, Subacute, and Chronic Low Back Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline from the American College of Physicians - Annals of Internal Medicine (2017). [🔗](#)



OBSTETRICS AND PERINATAL CARE

- Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 8th Edition. American Academy of Pediatrics and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2017). [🔗](#)
- Screening for Perinatal Depression. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2018). [🔗](#)
- Procedures to Prevent Perinatal Hepatitis B Virus Transmission. Centers for Disease Control And Prevention (2022).
 - Hepatitis B status **unavailable** at delivery. [🔗](#)
 - Hepatitis B status **available** at delivery. [🔗](#)
- Safe Prevention of the Primary Cesarean Delivery. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2014). [🔗](#)
- Tobacco and Nicotine Cessation During Pregnancy. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2020). [🔗](#)



MUSCULOSKELETAL

- ❖ American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Cervical and Thoracic Spine Disorders (2016). [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2019 American College of Rheumatology/Arthritis Foundation Guideline for the Management of Osteoarthritis of the Hand, Hip and Knee (2019). [🔗](#)
- ❖ American College of Rheumatology. Guideline for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (2021). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Diagnostic Imaging for Low Back Pain: Advice for High-Value Health Care From the American College of Physicians - Annals of Internal Medicine (2011). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Noninvasive Treatments for Acute, Subacute, and Chronic Low Back Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline from the American College of Physicians - Annals of Internal Medicine (2017). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Treatment of Low Bone Density or Osteoporosis to Prevent Fractures in Men and Women: A Clinical Practice Guideline Update From the American College of Physicians - Annals of Internal Medicine (2017). [🔗](#)



RESPIRATORY

- ❖ Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung disease (GOLD). 2023 Global Strategy for Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of COPD (2023). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma (EPR-3). National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, and National Institutes of Health (2007). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Smoking & Tobacco Use (2022). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Community-Acquired Pneumonia Clinical Decision Support Implementation Toolkit (2018). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Global Strategy For Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of COPD: 2023 GOLD Report. [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines: A Report from the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Coordinating Committee (NAEPPCC) Expert Panel Working. [🔗](#)
- ❖ 2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines. At-a-Glance Guide. [🔗](#)



OBESITY

- ❖ American Academy of Pediatrics. The Role of the Pediatrician in Primary Prevention of Obesity (2015). [🔗](#)
- ❖ National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Managing Overweight and Obesity in Adults: Systematic Evidence Review from the Obesity Expert Panel (2013). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Physicians for a Healthy California/CMA Foundation Child & Adolescent Obesity Provider Toolkit (2011-2012). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Physicians for a Healthy California/CMA Foundation Pre/Post Bariatric Surgery Provider Toolkit (2013). [🔗](#)
- ❖ Physicians for a Healthy California/CMA Foundation Adult Obesity Provider Toolkit (2013). [🔗](#)




General Tools to Support Clinical Care

- ⌘ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Prevention and Chronic Care Evidence - Based Decisionmaking (2019). 
- ⌘ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Quality and Patient Safety Resources (2022). 
- ⌘ Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care (2018). 
- ⌘ ACEs Aware. Screen. Treat. Heal (2023). 
- ⌘ Global Initiative for Asthma. Reports 2022. 
- ⌘ 2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines: Clinician's Guide. 
- ⌘ Opportunities for Advancing Adult Immunization Through Quality Measurement. National Quality Forum, April 2021. 
- ⌘ Dementia Care Aware Early Detection. Better Care 
- ⌘ Mini-Cog Instructions for Administration & Scoring 
- ⌘ Mini-Cog In Other Languages 

Preventive Health Guidelines



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- ⌘ American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Guideline on Periodicity of Examination, Preventive Dental Services, Anticipatory Guidance/Counseling, and Oral Treatment of Infants, Children, and Adolescents (2018). 
- ⌘ Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger. United States - CDC (2024). 
- ⌘ Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care. Bright Futures /American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (2023). 

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- ⌘ Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older. United States - CDC (2024). 
- ⌘ U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B Recommendations. 
- ⌘ National Cancer Institute. Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool (2018). 