

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

2023

Disease Process	Guidelines
Asthma	<p>2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/all-publications-and-resources/clinician-guide-2020-focused-updates-asthma-management-guidelines Asthma Care Quick Reference Diagnosing and managing asthma. Guidelines from the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. Expert Panel Report 3. (Revised 2012) https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/guidelines/asthma_qrg.pdf 2022 GINA Report, Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention https://ginasthma.org/gina-reports/</p>
COPD	<p>Global Strategy for Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of COPD (2023 Gold Report) https://goldcopd.org/2023-gold-report-2/</p>
CVD	<p>2012 ACCF/AHA Focused Update of the Guideline for the Management of Patients with Unstable Angina/Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (Updating the 2007 Guideline and Replacing the 2011 Focused Update): A report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines. https://www.jacc.org/doi/10.1016/j.jacc.2012.06.004?articleid=1217906&</p>
Diabetes	<p>Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes -2022 https://diabetesjournals.org/care/article/45/Supplement_1/S1/138921/Introduction-Standards-of-Medical-Care-in-Diabetes Older Adults: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes – 2022 https://diabetesjournals.org/care/article/45/Supplement_1/S195/138920/13-Older-Adults-Standards-of-Medical-Care-in</p>
Heart Failure	<p>2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines https://www.jacc.org/doi/10.1016/j.jacc.2021.12.012</p>
HTN	<p>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; A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines https://www.jacc.org/doi/full/10.1016/j.jacc.2017.11.006 JNC 8 Guidelines for the Management of Hypertension in Adults https://jamanetwork.com/channels/hypertension/pages/jnc8 USPSTF Recommendations for Screening for HTN in Adults https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2779190</p>
Fall Prevention	<p>National Institute of Aging: Prevent Falls and Fractures https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/prevent-falls-and-fractures</p>

Prevention Health	U. S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations. (Publications dates vary) https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation-topics CMS Preventive Services for Providers https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo
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For Medicare approvals and denials, when delegated, A2HC uses the following criteria hierarchy (A2HC does not develop their own coverage policy):

- A2HC must use all the Medicare Regulation NCDs and LCDs, as applicable.
- If no NCD or LCD exists to address a medical service/item or Part B drug, A2HC uses Change Healthcare (Interqual®) evidence-based criteria to make a decision.
- Medicare Managed Care Manual(s) – <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Internet-Only-Manuals-IOMs-Items/CMS019326>
- Transmittals and Publications
- Federal and State Mandates
- ACR (American College of Radiology) for Radiology Appropriate Criteria.
- A2HC also uses objective evidence-based rationale relying on authoritative evidence such as:
 - Studies from government agencies (e.g. the FDA)
 - Evaluations performed by independent technology assessment groups (e.g. BCBSA);
 - Well-designed controlled clinical studies that have appeared in peer review journals; and
 - Emedicine Medscape (point-of-care clinical reference), NCCN (Clinical Guidelines in Oncology), NCBI (National Institute of Health) Bookshelf, JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association)