

**Scope and Target Population:**

The scope of this guideline is to provide a comprehensive approach to the provision of preventive services, counseling, education and disease screening for average-risk, asymptomatic individuals from birth through age 18. There are occasional exceptions to this for high-risk populations where noted.

This guideline targets asymptomatic children seeking health care who would benefit from preventive services. This resource is intended to assist in the prioritization of screening maneuvers, testing and counseling opportunities. It is not intended to diagnose or treat any condition. Consequently, once a health issue or condition has been uncovered, other guidelines (such as the ICSI Prevention and Management of Obesity [Mature Adolescents and Adults] guideline) will take precedence during any further diagnosis and management.

**Aim:**

1. Increase the rate of pediatric patients up-to-date with Level I preventive services.

**Clinical Highlights:**

All clinic contacts – whether acute, chronic or for preventive service – are opportunities for prevention. Incorporate appropriate preventive services at every opportunity.

- Address or initiate child preventive services that providers and care systems *must* assess the need for and recommend to each patient. These have the highest priority value. (Level I)
  - Childhood immunization series
  - Chlamydia screening (sexually active age 25 years and younger)
  - Neonatal screening
  - Vision impairment screening
- Provide timely feedback, appropriate interventions and optimal follow-up.

**Additional Background:**

The guideline was developed using an evidence-based approach, which emphasizes the critical evaluation of scientific evidence. The guideline also identifies those services that should not be included in light of similarly strong evidence.