

POLICY

- 1) Whenever a clinical process is identified for development, revision and/or improvement opportunities, the availability of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG's) will be determined, as part of the planning process.
- 2) Clinical Practice Guidelines are available through the Agency for Health Care Policy & Research (AHCPR), professional medical societies, physician organizations, professional health care associations, and many other organizations. Attachment A has a listing of potential sources for CPG's.
- 3) CPG's are defined as 'best practice' in the area being examined. CPG's should result from scientific research, produce desired outcomes, and be widely disseminated through out the healthcare community. Other names utilized for CPG's include, but are not limited to, pathways, algorithms, practice parameters, and guidelines.
- 4) If CPG's are available, the interdisciplinary team shall review the guidelines to determine if they are appropriate for use in this facility. The following criteria shall be utilized in this evaluation:
 - A) CPG's should have been developed by, or in conjunction with, physician organizations, practitioners, and other affected organizations.
 - B) CPG's should explicitly describe the methodology and processes used in their development
 - C) CPG's should assist the practitioners with patient care decisions about the appropriateness of health care interventions for specific circumstances.
 - D) CPG's should be based on current professional knowledge and reviewed and revised at regular intervals
 - E) CPG's should be widely disseminated through out the healthcare community.
 - F) The outcomes expected from the use of the CPG's are better than what the organization is currently experiencing.
- 5) Some Clinical Practice Guidelines may be suitable for use as written or they may need to be modified to better fit the organization.
 - A) CPG's that have been selected for use are to be reviewed by the interdisciplinary team members who will be using the guidelines.
 - B) Changes to the CPG's are made based on the facility and the resources available.
 - C) All changes made should be justified based on scientific knowledge, community practice, alternative therapy, and availability of resources within the setting.

- 6) Once the CPG's have been revised and approved by the interdisciplinary team, the leaders from administration, medical staff, and all areas affected by the process being studied, shall review and approve the implementation plan based on the clinical practice guidelines.
- 7) Following the implementation of the plan, the effectiveness of the implementation and the clinical practice guidelines must be evaluated by the interdisciplinary team, and revised as necessary.
- 8) Variations in the CPG outcomes must be explained, with further revisions made if appropriate.
- 9) Once the implementation has achieved the desired results, the process must be monitored over time to assure that the outcomes remain at the desired level.
- 10) If the expected outcomes are not maintained, or the original clinical practice guidelines are revised by the source of the guidelines, an interdisciplinary team should be chartered to examine the need to revise the use of the guidelines in this organization.
- 11) The results of all these performance improvement efforts must be communicated through the performance improvement communication channels established by the Performance Improvement Plan.

SPECIALTY ASSOCIATIONS FOR GUIDELINES

American Academy of Pediatrics
708-228-5005

American Collage of Physicians
Clinical Efficacy Assessment Program
215-351-2840

**American Society of Hospitals
Pharmacists**
301-657-3000

**American Society for Parenteral and
Enteral Nutrition**
301-587-6315

**American Association of Nurse
Anesthetists**
202-682-1267

American Psychiatric Association
800-368-5777

**National Association of Physical
Therapists**
818-332-7755

American College of Surgeons
312-644-4050

**American Society of Addiction
Medicine**
202-244-8948

American College of Radiology
703-648-8987

American Hospital Association
Quality Resource Division
312-280-6000

**The American Academy of Family
Physicians**
816-333-9800

**American College of Obstetricians
and Gynecologists**
202-863-2538

**American Association for Respiratory
Care**
214-243-2272

**American Society of
Anesthesiologists**
202-289-2222

**National Association of Rehabilitation
Facilities**
703-648-9300

Society for Critical Care Medicine
714-282-6032

American Nurses Association
202-554-4444

**American College of Emergency
Physicians**
800-798-1822

**Association of Operating Room
Nurses**
303-755-6300

National Institutes of Health
301-496-2433

American Osteopathic Association
202-544-5060

**American Society for Cataract and
Refractive Surgery**
703-591-2220

**American Occupational Therapy
Association**
301-948-9626

**American Society for Clinical
Pharmacology and Therapeutics**
202-687-1064

American Dental Association
202-898-2400

RESOURCES FOR GUIDELINES

Organizations & Related References

◆ Agency for Health Care Policy & Research
(AHCPR)

- Acute & Chronic Incontinence
- Acute Low Back Problems in Adults
- Acute Pain Management
- Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Cataract Rehabilitation
- Depression in Primary Care
- Early Alzheimer's Disease
- Heart Failure
- Management of Cancer Pain
- Otitis Media with Effusion
- Post-Stroke Rehabilitation
- Pressure Ulcers in Adults
- Pressure Ulcer Treatment
- Quality Mammography
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Smoking Cessation
- Unstable Angina

◆ Research Archives

◆ American Medical Association (AMA)
515 North State Street
Chicago, IL 60610

-Directory of Practice Parameters
1800 Practice Parameters
75 MD Organizations

-Practice Parameters on CD ROM
450-500 Practice Parameters
30 MD Organizations

-Implementing Practice Parameters on
the Local/State/Regional Level

◆ JCAHO
Abstracts of Clinical Care Guidelines
Mosby, Inc.
11830 Westlire Industrial Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146-3318

Contact

For Guidelines Free of Charge:
800-358-9295

To receive monthly:
301-594-1364

800-621-8335

Order #OP270394
Members \$99.00
Non-Members \$149.00

312-454-5518
Cost \$995.00

Order #OP272793
Member \$8.00
Non-Member \$12.00

Mosby Subscription Service
800-453-4351 or 314-453-4351
\$95.00 / year
\$15.00 / issue

Primary References

- ◆ 2000 Medical Outcomes & Guidelines Sourcebook (updated annually)

Faulkner & Gray, Inc.
Health Information Center
1133 Fifteenth Street
Washington, DC 20005
800-535-8403

- ◆ Setting Priorities for Clinical Practice Guidelines

Institute of Medicare
National Academy Press, Lock Box 285
2101 Constitution Avenue
N.W. Washington DC 20055
800-624-6242

Organizations Releasing Guidelines

- ◆ Harvard Community Health Plan

10 Brookline Place West
Brookline, MA 02146-7229

Lawrence Gottlieb, MD
617-731-8285

- ◆ Institute Healthcare Quality

Subsidiary: Health Risk Management Interactive Software
8000 West 78th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55439

800-241-9611

SPECIALTY-FOCUSED RESOURCES

This list represents only a brief sampling of what is available in specialty areas.

Ambulatory Care

◆ Outpatient Care Management
Donavan and Matson, editors
American Hospital Publishing, 1994

Mental Health

- ◆ Patient Outcome Database
NAMI, 703-524-7600 or
Donald Steinwachs, MD 410-955-2625
Chrm. Dept Health Policy &
Management
John Hopkins University
- ◆ Treating Manic Depression (guideline)
American Psychiatric Association
202-682-6324
- ◆ Facility using Psychiatric paths:
Christ Hospital, Cincinnati
Contact Pam Vansant, Coordinator
513-369-1125
- ◆ Abstracts of Clinical Care Guidelines
(Focus Issue – May '95) – includes
-Treatment – B. Polo Disorder
-Lithium for the Treatment of Mood
Disorders
-Personality Disorders
-Coexisting Mental Illness and
Alcohol/Drug Abuse

Home Care

◆ Outcome Measures
(Survey Tool: Functional Status and
Satisfaction)
Tennessee Assoc. for Homecare
Connie King, RN
615-885-3399
Director, Clinical & Regulatory Affairs

Home Care (continued)

- ◆ A Manual for Home Care Agencies:
How to Use Outcomes
National Association for Home Care
202-547-7424
(also provides OASIS tool)
 - ◆ Evaluation Systems International
777 29th Street, Suite 400
Boulder, CO 80303
303-443-2200
 - ◆ Formations in Health Care, Inc.
155 North Wacker Drive, Suite 725
Chicago, IL 60606
312-849-4200
 - ◆ Outcome Concepts Systems Inc.
47th Avenue, NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332
206-858-7492
 - ◆ HBO & Co.
301 Perimeter Center North
Atlanta, GA 30346
404-399-2643
- ### Pediatrics
- ◆ Pediatric Cardiac Care Consortium
James Moller, MD
Principle Investigator
University of Minnesota, MN
(article: *Journal of Quality Improvement*,
December 1994)