

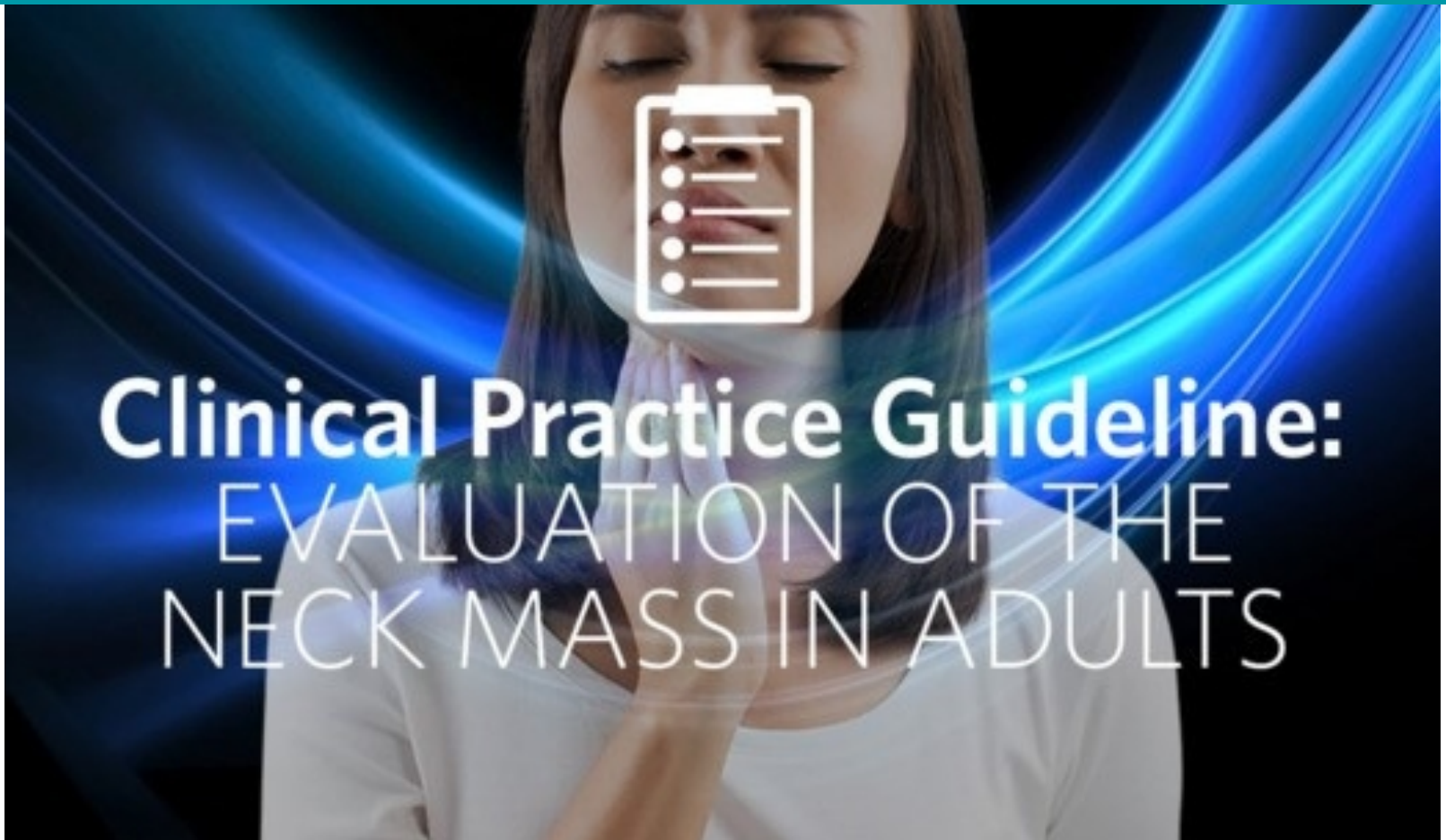


AAO-HNSF

Clinical Practice Guidelines

eNewsletter

Comment now on the CPG: Evaluation of the Neck Mass in Adults



Clinical Practice Guideline: EVALUATION OF THE NECK MASS IN ADULTS

We encourage you to review the guideline and provide comments. The purpose of the comment period is to ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to review the guideline's recommendations, action statement profiles, and supporting text prior to submission to *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery* where it will undergo the normal peer review process. The guideline is available for comment until February 13 [here](#).

Comment
Today

View the Guideline Development Group leadership and members [here](#).

Recently Published/Accepted For Publication

Clinical Practice Guideline: Improving Nasal Form and Function after Rhinoplasty

The new Clinical Practice Guideline: Improving Nasal Form and Function after Rhinoplasty was published as a supplement to *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery* on February 1. The new guideline and resources are [available here](#).

Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Earwax (Cerumen Impaction)

The much-anticipated update to the Clinical Practice Guideline: Cerumen Impaction (Earwax) was published as a supplement to *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery* on January 3. The guideline and all available resources are [available here](#).

Endorsed by: American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP); American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); American Geriatric Society (AGS); American Neurotology Society (ANS); American Otological Society (AOS); American Society of Geriatric Otolaryngology (ASGO); and Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses.

Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo

The update to the 2008 Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) CPG will be published as a supplement to the March 2017 issue of *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery*. The guideline will publish on March 1. [Learn more](#)

Endorsed by: American Academy of Audiology (AAA); American Neurotology Society (ANS); American Otological Society (AOS); American Physical Therapy Association (APTA); Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN); Triological Society; American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM); and Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA).

Affirmation of Value: American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and American Academy of Neurology (AAN).

In Development

Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Dysphonia (Hoarseness)

The update to the 2009 Dysphonia CPG is tentatively scheduled for public comment in late-February 2017. Visit the AAO-HNS homepage www.entnet.org to access the comment site. An abstract, co-sponsored by the American Laryngological Association (ALA) and the American Broncho-Esophagological Association (ABEA), has been submitted for presentation consideration at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. View the original guideline and Guideline Update Group members [here](#).

Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Tonsillectomy in Children

The original 2011 Tonsillectomy in Children guideline assessment has been completed. The Guideline Update Group (GUG) leadership has determined this will be a minor revision. We are currently recruiting panel members from the following organizations: American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), American Academy of Family Physicians – Family Practice (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO), Consumers United for Evidence-Based Healthcare (CUE), Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA), and Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) - Advanced Practice Nursing. An abstract has been submitted for presentation consideration at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. Visit www.entnet.org/TonsillectomyCPG to view the original CPG and the Guideline Update Group leadership.

Clinical Consensus Statement: Sinus Ostial Dilation in Adults

The topic of Sinus Ostial Dilation was approved for clinical consensus statement development by the Guidelines Task Force (GTF) at the November 2016 meeting. We are currently recruiting expert panel members from American Rhinologic Society, American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, Triological Society, AAO-HNS Board of Governors, and several AAO-HNS Committees [Physician Payment Policy (3P) Work Group; Rhinology and Paranasal Sinus; Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; Medical Devices and Drugs; and Imaging]. The first conference call will be held March 15. An abstract has been submitted for presentation consideration at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. Clinical Consensus Statement leadership: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD (Chair); Spencer C. Payne, MD (Assistant Chair); Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH (Methodologist).

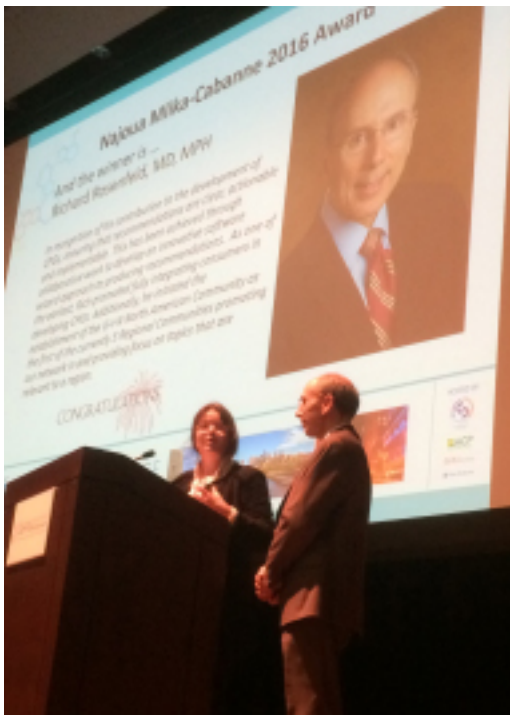
News

AHRQ Releases Tonsillectomy Evidence Reviews

The Effective Health Care Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality published four evidence reviews on tonsillectomy on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The topic was submitted by the AAO-HNSF in 2014 to help inform the 2017 update of the Tonsillectomy in Children guideline.

- [Comparative Effectiveness of Partial versus Total Tonsillectomy in Children: A Systematic Review](#)
- [Postoperative Bleeding and Associated Utilization following Tonsillectomy in Children](#)
- [Tonsillectomy Versus Watchful Waiting for Recurrent Throat Infection: A](#)

Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH, receives G-I-N Innovation Award



Dr. Rosenfeld was awarded the Najoua Mlika-Cabanne Innovation Award at the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) Annual Meeting in September 2016.

[Read more](#) about Dr. Rosenfeld's involvement in the development of AAO-HNSF clinical practice guidelines as well as the broader guideline community.

UPDATE: Adapting the AAO-HNSF Guidelines to Mexico

While attending the 2015 Evidence-Based Guidelines Affecting Policy, Practice and Stakeholders (E-GAPPS II) Meeting in New York, **Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH**, met with Jose Luis Mayorga Butrón, Otorrinolaringología y Cirugía de Cabeza y Cuello, Instituto Nacional de Pediatría and discussed a collaboration between the AAO-HNSF and the Mexican Society of Otolaryngology and HNS, **SMORL**, to adapt three of the AAO-HNSF guidelines (Tympanostomy Tubes, Tinnitus, and Adult Sinusitis).

The **ADAPTE Collaboration**'s systematic approach to adapting guidelines based on cultural and organizational differences has been utilized. SMORL has completed the manuscripts and is in the process of submitting to *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery*. An abstract has also been submitted for presentation consideration at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience as part of the International Symposium.

AAO-HNSF Represents

College of American Pathology: HPV Testing in HNSCC Guideline

In 2013, James W. Rocco, MD, PhD, was appointed to the College of American

Pathologists (CAP) HPV Testing in Head and Neck Carcinomas guideline development panel. CAP anticipates submission of the new guideline to *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine* this spring and publication early summer. The draft guidelines were presented at the CAP and the American Society of Cytopathology 2016 annual meetings. An abstract has been submitted for presentation consideration at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. For more information, visit

www.cap.org/center or email center@cap.org.

American Society for Clinical Pathology and the American Society of Hematology: Evidence-based Guideline for the Work-up of Malignant Lymphoma

In January 2017, Edward Fundakowski, MD, was nominated to serve on the new guideline development group. A primary goal of this guideline will be evidence-based recommendations for the pre-analytic phase of testing with a focus on specimen requirements. A secondary goal will be to provide evidence-based guidance on which ancillary testing and clinical parameters ensure a level of diagnostic certainty to provide actionable results. More details will be shared once they become available.

American Society of Plastic Surgeons: Post-Mohs Reconstruction Guideline

In January, Travis T. Tollefson, MD, MPH, was nominated to serve on the new guideline development group. The guideline is intended to be used by the multidisciplinary teams that provide care for patients undergoing a reconstructive procedure following Mohs surgery and is also intended to serve as a resource for healthcare practitioners and other guideline developers. More details will be shared once they become available.

CUE – Consumers United for Evidence-Based Healthcare

In 2011, the AAO-HNSF began including consumer advocates on our multi-disciplinary guideline panels. Their participation has proved to be invaluable to the CPG development and update processes. AAO-HNSF works regularly with CUE to assist with recruiting consumer advocates to serve on the clinical practice guideline panels. Lorraine Nnacheta, MPH, AAO-HNSF, Sr. Manager, Research and Quality, recently talked with CUE about consumer involvement on our guideline panels. View the short videos on “[How to identify consumers as members of an advisory panel](#)” and “[Preparing for consumer engagement on an advisory panel](#)”

National Guideline Clearinghouse & Google Scholar Report

Guideline Title	Date Released	Page Views (NGC) 1/31/2017	Citations (Google Scholar) 1/17/2017
CPG: Acute Otitis Externa*	1/14/2014	120,726	209
CPG: Adult Sinusitis*	4/1/2015	74,540	1046
CPG: Cerumen Impaction	4/17/2009	49,353	119
CPG: Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo	4/17/2009	57,630	546
CPG: Hoarseness (dysphonia)	4/23/2010	48,496	222
CPG: Tonsillectomy in Children	3/15/2011	70,355	448
CPG: PSG for SDB Prior to Tonsillectomy in Children	12/1/2011	40,830	155
CPG: Sudden hearing loss	4/1/2012	61,850	367
CPG: Improving Voice Outcomes after Thyroid Surgery	6/1/2013	17,611	139
CPG: Tympanostomy Tubes in Children	7/1/2013	25,554	179
CPG: Bell's Palsy	11/4/2013	23,469	87
CPG: Tinnitus	10/1/2014	11,563	95
CPG: Allergic Rhinitis	2/1/2015	14,854	11
CPG: Otitis Media with Effusion	2/1/2016	3,153	581
TOTAL		619,984	4,288

Get Involved

Events

G-I-N North America 2017 E-GAPPS III Conference

Learn more about guideline development, dissemination, and implementation. The conference takes place March 20-21 in New York City. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.g-i-n.net/conference/future-g-i-n-events/e-gapps-2017>

PCORI Reviewers Needed

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is looking for passionate and committed healthcare stakeholders (patients, payers/insurers, health

insurance purchasers/businesses, health systems, hospitals and clinics, the life sciences industry, clinicians, patient/consumer advocates, etc.) to participate in evaluating applications for PCORI funding. To apply or obtain additional information, go to <http://www.pcori.org/get-involved/review-funding-applications>

Resources



Continuing Medical Education (CME)

CME activities related to the CPGs are now listed on the CPG web pages when they become available. Academy log-in is required to access these activities in AcademyU. You may also create a non-member account here if you are a new visitor to [AcademyU](#).

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) PIMs and SAMs

The AAO-HNSF offers many education activities to assist individuals participating in MOC and those seeking CME credit. Academy staff worked with the American Board of Otolaryngology (ABOto) to link Performance Improvement Modules (PIMs) and Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) to the relevant AAO-HNSF CPG web pages. Visitors are now able to access the ABOto site from the CPG pages. ABOto log-in is required to access PIMs and SAMs.

Listen to the latest CPG Podcasts

Earwax (Cerumen Impaction)

- [Implications for Otolaryngologists](#)
- [Implications for Non-Otolaryngologists](#)

Improving Nasal Form and Function after Rhinoplasty

- [Implications for Otolaryngologists](#)
- [Patient Questions and Issues](#)

Guideline Slide Sets Available

We encourage members to present the CPGs at your upcoming state society or professional meetings. The following PowerPoint slide sets have been developed: AOE, Adult Sinusitis, Allergic Rhinitis, Bell's Palsy, BPPV, Earwax (Cerumen Impaction), Hoarseness (Dysphonia), Improving Voice Outcomes after Thyroid Surgery, OME, PSG for Sleep Disordered Breathing, Rhinoplasty, Sudden Hearing Loss, Tonsillectomy, Tympanostomy Tubes, and Tinnitus. To request the slide set, email [Sarah O'Connor](mailto:sarah.oconnor@aaohnsf.org).

AAO-HNSF Clinical Practice Guideline Pocket Cards and Apps



AAO-HNSF Clinical Practice Guideline Pocket Cards and Apps
Quick-reference tools that feature diagnosis and assessment information, treatment options including their associated levels of evidence, and other recommendations from the guidelines. These pocket cards and apps are great reference tools that offer providers point-of-care decision-making information in a convenient format.

- Acute Otitis Externa
- Adult Sinusitis
- Allergic Rhinitis
- Bell's Palsy
- Earwax (Cerumen Impaction)*
- Improving Voice Outcomes After Thyroid Surgery
- Otitis Media with Effusion
- Polysomnography for Sleep-Disordered Breathing Prior to Tonsillectomy
- Improving Nasal Form and Function after Rhinoplasty
- Sudden Hearing Loss
- Tinnitus
- Tonsillectomy
- Tympanostomy Tubes

*Receive a 20 percent AAO-HNS member discount on the print and digital version of Earwax and Rhinoplasty by entering OTO20 in the Apply Coupon box during checkout. [Learn more](#)

Visit the [CPG pages](#) for physician resources including podcasts, executive summaries, and patient materials.

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