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 publication. The guideline is available for comment until September 2, 2015.

Comment Today

The 2004 OME guideline, was originally co-developed by AAO-HNSF, American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians. View a list of the Guideline Update Group (GUG) members and the original guideline [here](#).

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**CCS & CPG Updates**

**Clinical Consensus Statement Manual**

The Clinical Consensus Statement manual has been accepted by *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery* and will be published as a supplement to the November 2015 issue of the journal.
Clinical Consensus Statement: Septoplasty with or without Turbinoplasty

The Septoplasty CCS manuscript was submitted to the journal in June 2015. It is currently under review.

Clinical Practice Guideline: Cerumen Impaction (Update)

The Guideline Update Group (GUG) held their in-person meeting in June and are now reviewing writing assignments and making revisions. To view a list of the GUG members or access the original CPG, click here.

Clinical Practice Guideline: Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (Update)

An assessment of the 2008 guideline has been completed and based on the results, this will be a minor update. View the GUG members and access the original guideline here.

Clinical Practice Guideline: Rhinoplasty

The members of the multidisciplinary Guideline Development Group (GDG) held their second call last week. The list of quality improvement topics the group is considering will be released for public comment in the coming weeks. View a list of the GDG members here.

Clinical Practice Guideline: Hoarseness (Update)

The assessment of the original guideline is scheduled to take place over the next two months. View the original guideline here.

News

AAO-HNSF CPG Endorsed

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorsed the Allergic Rhinitis CPG. The AAFP has a stringent process for reviewing guidelines from other organizations. Their review is based on several factors, including scope and purpose; rigor of development; and clarity. The AAO-HNSF is proud to have their endorsement.

Read Full Endorsement
Congratulations to our CPG panelists and staff!

The top 10 full text accesses from *Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery*, in the period of July 2014 - June 2015 were Clinical Practice Guidelines or Executive Summaries.

**Top 10 Articles July 2014 - June 2015**

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**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 potential collaboration between the AAO-HNSF and the Mexican Society of Otolaryngology and HNS to adapt some of the AAO-HNSF guidelines (Tympanostomy Tubes, Tinnitus, and Adult Sinusitis).

In June 2015, the AAO-HNSF Executive Committee approved moving forward with this initiative. The ADAPTE Collaboration's systematic approach to adapting guidelines based on cultural and organizational differences will be utilized. AAO-HNSF guideline leaders and Mexican Society of Otolaryngology and HNS representatives will be holding a kick-off meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015, in Dallas, TX.
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
In May 2015, the AAO-HNSF nominated David E. Tunkel, MD, to represent the field of otolaryngology as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics clinical practice guideline subcommittee for Treatments for Ankyloglossia and Ankyloglossia with Concomitant Tie.

American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)
Kenneth W. Altman, MD, PhD, and Andrew Lane, MD, represented the field of otolaryngology — head and neck surgery on the expert panel for Somatic Cough Syndrome (Previously Referred to as Psychogenic Cough) and Tic Cough (Previously Referred to as Habit Cough) in Adults and Children: CHEST Guideline and Expert Panel Report.

AAO-HNSF Endorses


National Guideline Clearinghouse & Google Scholar Report

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### Calendar of Events

**September 27, Sunday**

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**  
**Miniseminar:**  
AAO-HNSF CCS Septoplasty With or Without Inferior Turbinoplasty  
Presenters: Joseph Han, MD, Scott P. Stringer, MD, Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH, and Timothy S. Lian, MD

**September 28, Monday**

**7:30 am - 9:00 am**  
**Miniseminar:**  
AAO-HNSF CPG Otitis Media with Effusion Update  
Presenters: Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH, Jennifer J. Shin, MD, MS, Spencer C. Payne, MD, and Seth R. Schwartz, MD, MPH

**September 28, Monday**

**3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
**Instruction Course:**  
Understanding Clinical Practice Guidelines  
Instructors: Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, and Stephanie L. Jones

**September 30, Wednesday**

**7:30 am - 9:00 am**  
**Miniseminar:**  
AAO-HNSF CPG Adult Sinusitis Update

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**PCORI Reviewers Needed**
The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute 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.

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**Presenters:** Richard M. Rosenfeld, MD, MPH, Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, James N. Palmer, MD, Zara M. Patel, MD, and Anju T. Peters, MD

*Miniseminar will be available on AcademyU® in January, 2016.

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**Resources**

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**Be a 2016 G-I-N Scholar!**
Apply by December 1, 2015, for five travel grants of up to $1,500 to attend the 2016 G-I-N Conference in Philadelphia, PA, September 28-30, 2016.

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Apply by January 1, 2016, to become a Cochrane Scholar. Two travel grants of up to $4,000 will be offered to attend the Colloquium in Seoul, South Korea, October 21-25, 2016.

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Guideline Slide Sets Available

We encourage members to present the CPGs at their upcoming state society or professional meetings. The following PowerPoint slide sets have been developed: AOE, Bell's Palsy, BPPV, Cerumen Impaction, Hoarseness, Improving Voice Outcomes after Thyroid Surgery, PSG for Sleep Disordered Breathing, Sudden Hearing Loss, Tonsillectomy, Tympanostomy Tubes, and Tinnitus.

To request the slide set, email Sarah O'Connor.

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 (AOE)
- Adult Sinusitis
- Allergic Rhinitis
- Bell's Palsy
- Improving Voice Outcomes after Thyroid Surgery
- Sudden Hearing Loss
- Tinnitus
- Tonsillectomy in Children
- Tympanostomy Tubes in Children

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Learn More

Podcasts:

- Adult Sinusitis CPG: Implications for Otolaryngologists
- Adult Sinusitis CPG: Implications for Non-Otolaryngologists

Webinars:

- AHRQ Patient-Centered Outcomes Research and the Use of Decision Aids to Facilitate...
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