

2024 Pediatric Preventive Health Guidelines: Ages 0 through 6 Years

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, P.L. 111-148, March 23, 2010, as amended) requires, among other things, coverage of Bright Futures Children and Adolescent Recommendations and all A and B Recommendations as promulgated by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). Recommendations can be found at https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/periodicity_schedule.pdf?_ga=2.123517835.1012687934.1671222549-249991078.1667565696 and <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation-topics/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations>

History and Physical Exam	Description	References
<p>Newborn: (before discharge from hospital)</p>	<p>Weight, length, head circumference. Hearing: AAP recommends objective screening for all newborns. US Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for hearing loss in all newborn infants. USPSTF – B Recommendation The USPSTF recommends prophylactic ocular topical medication for all newborns to prevent gonococcal ophthalmia neonatorum. USPSTF – A Recommendation Counseling to promote breastfeeding USPSTF – B Recommendation, advise against offering any additional water to breast milk or formula up to 4 months of age due to water intoxication. Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB) - Administer monovalent HepB to all newborns before hospital discharge. Laboratory tests for hereditary/ metabolic screening/newborn blood screening including: Bilirubin – Bright Futures Phenylketonuria</p> <hr/> <p>If tested within the first 24 hours after birth, repeat screening test by 2 weeks. Premature infants and those with illnesses should be tested at or near 7 days of age, but in all cases before newborn nursery discharge. . USPSTF – A Recommendation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USPSTF(1996) Updated 2005, 2019 2. AAP (2000) Updated 2003 3. AAFP (2001) Updated 2005 4. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2004 5. USPSTF (2008) PKU 6. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2007 Sickle Cell 7. USPSTF (2008) Hypothyroidism 8. HRSA-SACHDNC (2010) Bright Futures (2014)2018

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<p>Well-Child Exam :</p> <p>- Weight</p> <p>- Height</p> <p>- BMI percentile</p>	<p><u>Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)</u> screening with pulse oximetry recommended by SACHNDC and Bright Futures. HHS has not provided implementation guidance.</p> <p><u>Sickle Cell Disease</u> All newborns regardless of birth setting. Birth attendants should make arrangements for samples to be obtained, and the first physician to see the child at an office visit should verify screening results. Confirmatory testing should occur no later than 2 months of age. USPSTF – A Recommendation</p> <p><u>Congenital Hypothyroidism</u> All newborns between 2 and 4 days of age. Infants discharged from hospitals before 48 hours of life should be tested immediately before discharge. USPSTF – A Recommendation</p> <p>3-5 days, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 24 months and 30 months, 3 through 6 years annually. These guidelines apply to healthy children. Children with medical conditions may require additional follow-up</p> <p>All well child visits</p> <p>All well child visits</p> <p>All well child visits beginning at 2 yr. Calculate and plot BMI once a year in all children starting at 2 years of age.</p> <p>Children with a BMI at or above the 95th percentile (obese or hypoventilation syndrome) would be allowed four (4) preventive health office follow-up visits specifically for obesity per year and a blood pressure taken; unlimited nutritional counseling visits specifically for obesity per year and one (1) set of recommended laboratory studies (lipid profile, hemoglobin A1c, AST, ALT and fasting glucose)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2000) Updated 2007 2. Bright Futures (2008) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2000) Updated 2007 2. AAFP (2002) Updated 2005 3. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2004, 2010, 2018 4. CDC (2004) 5. Expert consensus opinion of the 2008 Preventive Health QI Committee 6. Alliance for a Healthier Generation (2011)

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<p>- Head Circumference</p> <p>- Blood Pressure</p> <p>- Vision Screening Assessment :</p> <p>-Distance Visual Acuity</p> <p>-Ocular Alignment</p> <p>-Ocular Media Clarity</p>	<p>Children with a BMI at or above the 85th percentile through the 94th percentile (overweight) would be allowed four (4) preventive health office follow-up visits specifically for obesity per year and a blood pressure taken; unlimited nutritional counseling visits specifically for obesity per year and one (1) set of recommended laboratory studies (lipid profile, hemoglobin A1c, AST, ALT and fasting glucose).</p> <p>The USPSTF recommends that clinicians screen for obesity in children and adolescents 6 years and older and offer or refer them to comprehensive, intensive behavioral interventions to promote improvements in weight status.USPSTF – B Recommendation</p> <p>All well child visits from first visit to 24 months of age</p> <p>All well-child visits starting at 3 years of age, unless clinically indicated before age 3.</p> <p>3 year, 4 year, 5 year, 6 year and when indicated. If patient is uncooperative, re-screen within 6 months. This is not an optical exam. Optical exams require additional vision benefits. The USPSTF recommends screening to detect amblyopia or its risk factors, strabismus, and defects in visual acuity at least once in children ages 3-5 years old. USPSTF – B Recommendation.</p> <p>Bright Futures Vision Screening: Instrument based screening may be used to assess risk at ages 12 and 24 months, in addition to the well visits at 3-5 years of age.</p>	<p>AAP (2000) Updated 2005</p> <p>1. AAP (2000) Updated 2005 2. USPSTF(1996) Updated 2004 3. Bright Futures (2008)</p> <p>1. AAP (2000) Updated 2005 2. USPSTF(1996) Updated 2004,2014</p> <p>3. Bright Futures (2008) 2016</p>
<p>Maternal Depression Screening</p>	<p>Infant age - By 1 month, 2 months, 4 months and 6 months</p>	<p>1. Bright Futures</p>

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-Hearing Screening	4 years, 5 years, 6 years and when indicated Children identified at risk for hearing loss should be objectively screened annually.	1. AAP (2000) Updated 2005 2. USPSTF(2001) Updated 2008 3. Bright Futures (2008)
Developmental Screening/ Autism Screening	Developmental screenings at 9, 18, and 30 months of age (though the 30 month screening can be completed as early as 24 months if the clinical need arises) and Autism Screening at 18 and 24 months of age. Different tests can be used for screenings (This list is not all-inclusive). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEDS (parents' evaluation of developmental status) for general developmental screening • CHAT (checklist for autism in toddlers) • M-CHAT for autism screening • M-CHAT-R/F for autism screening 	1. AAP (2000) Updated 2010 2. USPSTF(2001) Updated 2004 3. Bright Futures (2008) 4. NIH (2014)
Counseling Ultraviolet Radiation	The USPSTF recommends counseling young adults, adolescents, children, and parents of young children about minimizing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation for persons aged 6 months to 24 years with fair skin types to reduce their risk of skin cancer. B Recommendation.	1.USPSTF 2018
Fluoride Varnish	The USPSTF recommends the application of fluoride varnish to the primary teeth of all infants and children starting at the age of primary tooth eruption in primary care practices. The USPSTF recommends primary care clinicians prescribe oral fluoride supplementation starting at age 6 months for children whose water supply is fluoride deficient. B Recommendation	USPSTF 2008, 2014
Safety Issues	All well child visits Safety Issues – age appropriate discussions include: Traffic Safety; bicycle safety, car seats, motorcycle helmet use, seatbelts, ATVs, skateboards, scooters, in-line skating. Burn Prevention: hot water temperature, milk and formula heating, smoke detectors, electrical outlets, grills, irons, ovens, fires. Fall Prevention: window and stairway gates/guards, falls, Choking Prevention: choking/suffocation, Drowning Prevention: water safety, buckets, bathtubs, lifejackets, diving, pool safety Firearm Safety: in home firearms, storage Sports Safety: protective equipment, conditioning	1. AAP (2000) Updated 2008 2. AAFP (1996) Updated 2005 3. USPSTF (1996) updated 2004, 2020 4. Pediatrics 2007 5. AAP (2009)

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	<p>Heat Stress in Exercising</p> <p>Safe Sleep Environment: sleep position “Back to Sleep”, co-sleeping, family bed</p> <p>Poison Prevention; phone number for poison control center.</p> <p>Syrup of ipecac is no longer to be used as a home treatment strategy.</p> <p>Instructions on how to call for help local emergency services, CPR</p> <p>Sun exposure, depression/suicide, bug safety, school hazards, and recreational hazards such as on playgrounds and in back yards, lawn mower hazards and other high risk behaviors such as cutting behavior, and the choking game.</p> <p>The USPSTF recommends that primary care clinicians provide interventions, including education or brief counseling, to prevent initiation of tobacco use among school-aged children and adolescents. B Recommendation. April 2020</p>	
Lead Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 months or older when indicated • 12 and 24 months per Bright Futures and when indicated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2005) (2017) 2. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2006 3. Pennsylvania Department of Health, PA Lead Elimination Plan (6/28/2005) 4. Bright Futures 2018
Hematocrit or Hemoglobin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for iron deficiency anemia in children ages 6 to 24 months. I Recommendation • Once at 12 months (Bright Futures) a risk assessment thereafter • 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2000) Updated 2003 2. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2004, 2015 3. Bright Futures (2014) 2015, 2018
Tuberculosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months to 18 years when indicated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2000) Updated 2003 2. USPSTF (1996) Updated 2004
Cholesterol Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 months to 18 years when indicated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP (2000) Updated 2003

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