



2006 Routine Preventive Care Guidelines

These Guidelines address the following age groups:

- ✓ Birth to 23 months
- ✓ Two to six years
- ✓ Seven to 12 years
- ✓ Thirteen to 18 years
- ✓ Nineteen to 39 years
- ✓ Forty to 65 years

The aim of these guidelines is to provide routine screening and immunization recommendations for adults and children with the intent of assisting the clinician in the evaluation and treatment of patients. They are not meant to replace a physician's judgment or to establish a specific approach toward all patients with a particular condition.

The Guidelines are based on evidence that supports the value of their induction in periodic health evaluations. They target the general population of low-risk, asymptomatic individuals, and they identify particular groups of individuals for more intensive screening or immunization. Not included in these Guidelines are screening recommendations for pregnant women (see *Prenatal Care Guidelines*) and individuals age 65 years or older.

Risk assessment and counseling are components that should be incorporated into every preventive visit. The depth and breadth of their content is based on individual patient need and personal preference of the clinician. They can also be effectively implemented at non-preventive visits.

NHPRI's Preventive Care Guidelines are derived from recommendations from nationally recognized organizations such as the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPTF) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). As it is impossible to foresee all possible immunization changes and/or recommendations, we request that you visit the Rhode Island Department of Health's website at www.ri.health.gov for vaccine alerts, updates and advisories periodically and when you need additional information.
