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**Pima Health System
Clinical Practice Guideline for
the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
(COPD)**

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Purpose of this Document

Pima Health System has adopted the Global Initiative For Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, **Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (November 2008)**, to serve as an evidence-based framework for practitioners' clinical decision making with patients who have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Extensive literature review on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Clinical Practice Guidelines developed for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease suggests that the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease guideline is among the most comprehensive, evidence-based clinical practice guideline for this condition. The comprehensive guideline focuses on the clinical management of COPD and presents a management plan with four components (1) assess and monitor COPD, (2) reduce risk factors, (3) manage stable COPD; (4) manage exacerbations of COPD.

As with all guidelines, this adopted clinical guideline is designed to assist practitioners by providing an analytical framework for the evaluation and management of members and is not intended to either replace the practitioners' judgment or to establish a protocol for all members with a particular condition. Clinical practice guidelines need to be revised periodically based upon changes identified in both local and national practice patterns and standards. This allows deviation from the guideline in unique clinical situation as long as the reason for variation is clearly documented in the medical record.

Obtaining Copies of the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Copies of the Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (November 2008), may be obtained through the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease at

www.goldcopd.org

Provider Feedback

Pima Health System welcomes feedback on all of our practice guidelines. All suggestions and recommendations are taken into consideration by the health plan's Clinical Practice Guideline/Medical Management Committee in our ongoing review and revision of the guidelines. Comments may be submitted to:

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Guideline Approval

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