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**Pima Health System
Clinical Practice Guideline for
The Management of
Community-Acquired Pneumonia
in Adults**

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Purpose of this Document

Pima Health System has adopted the Infectious Diseases Society of America/American Thoracic Society, **Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Adults, March 2007** to serve as an evidence-based framework for practitioners' clinical decision making with adult patients who have Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP). Extensive literature review on Community-Acquired Pneumonia and Practice Guidelines developed for community-acquired pneumonia suggests that the IDSA/ATS consensus guideline is among the most comprehensive, evidence-based clinical practice guideline for this condition. The comprehensive guideline covers the diagnosing, evaluation and management of community-acquired pneumonia in the adult population.

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 IDSA/ATS Guideline

Copies of the IDSA/ATS - Guideline for the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Adults, March 2007 may be obtained through the American Thoracic Society at:

www.thoracic.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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