



# COLORADO CLINICAL GUIDELINES COLLABORATIVE

May, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

On May 7th, the U.S. Public Health Service released the 2008 Clinical Practice Guideline Update: Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence. It represents nearly two years of work by a 24-member panel. The Guideline Update is designed to provide an evidence-based blueprint for clinicians and health systems to assist patients who smoke to successfully quit tobacco use.

The 2008 Guideline Update panel reviewed more than 8,700 research articles on tobacco dependence published between 1975 and 2007, and conducted more than 50 meta-analyses. The draft document was reviewed by more than 90 independent peer reviewers, including CCGC's own Dr. Elizabeth Kraft. It was sponsored by a consortium of eight Federal Government and nonprofit organizations: the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF); The American Legacy Foundation; and the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention.

Copies of the Guideline and its companion materials are available at <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/tobacco> .

In addition, on May 7th, an electronic summary of the Guideline written by the panel was published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (<http://www.ajpm-online.net/>). Also, on May 7th, a commentary was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) by Dr. Carlos Jaén and Dr. Michael Fiore, titled: A Clinical Blueprint to Accelerate the Elimination of Tobacco Dependence.

The Guideline Update was released on May 7th at an event hosted by the American Medical Association at their headquarters in Chicago. That event featured some of the nation's leading public health and medical officials, including Dr. Ron Davis, Dr. Tom Frieden, Dr. Sue Curry, Dr. Carlos Jaén, Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Dr. Tracy Orleans, Dr. Scott Leischow, and former Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. C. Everett Koop. The Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative was proud to be one of more than 55 organizations that reviewed and endorsed the Guideline Update announced at the May 7th release. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Partnership for Prevention have posted a webcast of the event available at: <http://www.rwjf.org/> or <http://www.prevent.org/>.

Finally, please join the Colorado Clinical Guidelines Collaborative for an informational webinar Tuesday, June 3, 2008 from 12:00 -1:00 pm on the Guideline Update. Hear Dr. Elizabeth Kraft, Tobacco Medical Director for CCGC review the updated guideline highlighting areas of new or expanded information. Please visit <http://www.coloradoguidelines.org/tobacco/professionaldevelopment.asp> to register or to view the recorded webinar (recording available after June 6, 2008).

Sincerely,

The CCGC Tobacco Team

American Cancer Society  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association/  
American Stroke Association  
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Area Health Education Centers  
Care Solutions, Inc.  
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Colorado Academy of Family Physicians  
Colorado Access  
Colorado Association of Health Plans  
Colorado Asthma Coalition  
Colorado Business Group on Health  
Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Colorado Chapter of the American College of Physicians  
Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition  
Colorado Community Managed Care Network  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Colorado Family Practice Residency Directors  
Colorado Foundation for Medical Care  
Colorado Immunization Information System  
Colorado Medical Society  
Colorado Prevention Center  
Colorado Rural Health Center  
Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine  
Community Health Association of  
Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS)  
COPIC Insurance Company  
Denver Health and Hospital Authority Managed Care  
Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance  
Eastern Colorado Health Care System  
(Denver VA Medical Center)  
Exempla Healthcare and Exempla Physicians  
Goddard Associates  
Great-West Healthcare  
HealthONE, LLC  
HMS Colorado, Inc.  
(Sloans Lake Preferred Health Network & MMA)  
Kaiser Permanente  
Med South, IPA  
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Memorial Hospital of Colorado Springs  
New West Physicians  
Physicians Health Partners  
Primary Care Partners  
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Physician Assistant Program  
Rocky Mountain Health Plans  
San Luis Valley HMO  
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United Healthcare of Colorado  
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