



## Take advantage of preventive care to help manage your health

Preventing disease and detecting health issues at an early stage, if they occur, are important to living a healthy life. Following the recommended guidelines, based on your age and gender, along with the advice of your doctor, may help you stay healthy. For specific health questions and concerns, talk with your doctor and follow his or her direction as to the preventive care services that are right for you.

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to **helping people live healthier lives™**, and we encourage our members to receive age- and gender-appropriate preventive health care services. Under health care reform, most of our members are eligible to receive certain preventive health care services, based upon age, gender and other factors, with no cost-sharing. UnitedHealthcare covers preventive services, as specified in the health care reform law at 100% without charging a copayment, coinsurance or deductible, as long as you obtain the services from a health plan network provider. Always refer to your plan documents for your specific coverage.

# Preventive Care Guidelines for Adult Screenings



A preventive health visit can help you establish the baseline for your current health, and help identify any health issues before they become more serious. You and your doctor can then work together to identify care options that may help maintain or improve your health. The following information provides guideline recommendations for preventive care screenings, to evaluate general health and development in adults over age 18.

## Recommendations for Adult Screenings

Obesity Screening										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended weight assessment at each visit.										

Blood Pressure										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended blood pressure assessment at each visit.										

Cardiovascular Disease Aspirin use Counseling										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended for certain patients ages 45 to 79 for a man and ages 55 to 79 in women to obtain counseling, from a primary care physician, on the use of aspirin in the prevention of cardiovascular disease. For those at high risk for heart disease, discuss aspirin and low risk alternatives with your physician. Do not take aspirin without first discussing with your doctor.										

Diabetes Screening										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended for asymptomatic adults with sustained blood pressure (either treated or untreated) greater than 135/80 mm Hg.										

## Preventive care guideline recommendations for adult counseling

Every day, you make countless decisions that affect your health and well-being. Understanding and managing your lifestyle and everyday health behaviors is one way to help maintain or improve your overall health. The following guidelines provide the counseling recommendations for adults over age 18.

Tobacco/Nicotine Use										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Routine Screening and counseling, by network primary care physician, to detect potential health risks associated with tobacco/nicotine use.										

Alcohol/Illicit Drug Use										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Routine screening and counseling, by network primary care physician, to detect potential health risks associated with alcohol/Illicit drug use.										

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Cholesterol (Lipid) Test										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Screening recommended for all men and women age 20 and up and if at increased risk for coronary heart disease.										

Colorectal Cancer Screening										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Routine colorectal cancer screening recommended beginning at 50, high risk persons should be screened at younger ages and more frequently than persons at standard risk. Speak with your physician regarding screening methods and appropriate screening intervals.										

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm in men 65-75 years old who have ever smoked.										

The recommended age bands for each screening, immunization or counseling service are indicated for either both men and women, just men or just women as identified by the colors shown in the grid below.

Men and Women	Men	Women
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# Preventive Care Guidelines for Adult Immunizations



Immunizations save millions of lives each year, and can help protect you against many illnesses and diseases. The following immunization schedule will provide you with the guideline recommendations for adults over age 18.

## Recommendations for Adult Immunizations

Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Three doses may be administered to both males and females age 9–26 years with physician discretion.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Once for all adults without immunity. Adults born before 1957 are generally considered to be immune to measles and mumps so may not require vaccination. Those born after 1957 may need a second dose. Between ages 18 to 49 years, one or two doses. Over age 50, one dose. Discuss with your physician.

Hepatitis B Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Three doses for all persons at risk and pregnant women beginning at first prenatal visit. Discuss with your physician.

Influenza Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

One dose annually as directed by your physician.

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV)											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Between ages 18 to 65 and individuals at high risk for complications of infection. Discuss with your physician.

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Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td/DTaP) Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Every 10 years for adults who have completed the primary series. If the last vaccine was received 10 or more years ago, substitute for a single booster of Td. Booster may need to be given sooner after a tetanus-prone injury.

Varicella (VZV) Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Two doses for those susceptible with lack of immunity. Susceptibles: People 13 and older who have not received the vaccine and have not had chickenpox.

Hepatitis A Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

Two doses for all persons at risk. Discuss with your physician.

Meningococcal Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

One or more doses for individuals at high risk.<sup>1</sup> Discuss with your physician.

Zoster Vaccine											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

One dose for those over age 60.<sup>2</sup>

1. High risk is defined as adults who have terminal complement deficiencies, had their spleen removed, their spleen does not function or they have medical, occupation, lifestyle or other indications such as college freshmen living in a dormitory or other group living conditions.

2. For persons aged 65 and older, one time revaccination is recommended if they were vaccinated more than 5 years previously and were younger than age 65 years at the time of primary vaccination.

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# Preventive Care Guidelines for Adult Screenings for Women



## Preventive Care Guidelines for Adult Screenings for Women

UnitedHealthcare is committed to advancing prevention and early detection of disease. The following information reflects the guidelines for women's preventive care services provided under the health care reform law.

Well Women Exams											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for all women, with sufficient visits each year to obtain all required preventive care services.											

  

Sexually Transmitted Infections Screening											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for all sexually active women											

  

HIV Screening and Counseling											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for all sexually active women											

  

Cervical Cancer Screening (Pap Smear)											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended screening in women age 21 to 29 every 3 years, for women age 30 to 65 every 3-5 years based on physician direction.											

  

HPV DNA Testing											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for women age 30+ as directed by your physician.											

Breast Cancer Mammography											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Screening Mammography available for all adult women of standard risk every one to two years beginning at age 40 or as directed by your physician. Women at defined high risk should be screened earlier. Consult with your physician regarding breast cancer prevention alternatives with low risk of adverse effects.											

  

Osteoporosis Screening											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Routine screening recommended for women age 65 and older. Screening for post-menopausal women at defined high risk, discuss with your physician.											

  

Gestational Diabetes Screening											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for all pregnant women between 24-28 weeks and those at high risk during the first prenatal visit.											

  

Screening for Rubella, Iron Deficiency Anemia, Urinary Tract Infection, Hepatitis B, Blood Type and RH(D) Incompatibility Screening											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for pregnant women at first pre-natal visit.											

  

Folic Acid – Recommended Dosage is 0.4 - 0.8mg daily											
Age Ranges											
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	
Recommended for adult women of childbearing age beginning at age 18 who are considering pregnancy.											

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# Preventive Care Guidelines for Adult Counseling for Women



UnitedHealthcare is committed to advancing prevention and early detection of disease. The following guidelines reflect the expanded women's preventive care services provided under the health care reform law. The following guidelines provide the counseling recommendations for women over age 18.

Domestic Violence Screening and Counseling										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended routine screening and counseling, by network primary care physician, recommended for all women.										

FDA-Approved Contraception Methods and Counseling										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended routine screening and counseling, by network primary care physician, recommended for all women. Approved female sterilization procedures with patient education and counseling.										

Breast feeding and Postpartum Counseling, Equipment and Supplies										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended as part of pre/post-natal counseling for pregnant women, with purchase of certain breast feeding equipment through approved vendors.										

Breast Cancer Genetic Test Evaluation and Counseling (BRCA)										
Age Ranges										
18	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Recommended for women at higher risk for breast cancer. Talk with your doctor if your family has a history of breast or ovarian cancer.										

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	Men and Women		Men		Women
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See [www.preventiveservices.ahrq.gov](http://www.preventiveservices.ahrq.gov) for U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations on clinical preventive services.

# Preventive Care Guidelines for Children



It's important for children of all ages to have preventive medical checkups. Preventive care promotes healthy growth and development and includes screening, counseling, and immunization services for children at appropriate ages.

You can help promote your child's good health by scheduling regular check ups with a network physician to obtain age-appropriate preventive care screening services and immunizations. During these preventive care visits you will want to provide the doctor with information about your child as well as information about illnesses or medical conditions your child may have, and the medicines your child takes, if any. The doctor will likely:

- ▶ Ask you questions about your child's growth and development
- ▶ Give your child a complete physical examination
- ▶ Make sure your child has up-to-date immunizations
- ▶ Give you advice to help your child stay safe and healthy

**Services at each of these preventive visits will vary based on age, but will include some of the following:**

- ▶ Measurement of your child's head size
- ▶ Measurement of length/height and weight
- ▶ Screening blood tests, if appropriate
- ▶ Age-appropriate immunizations
- ▶ Vision screening
- ▶ Oral health risk assessment and counseling on oral health
- ▶ Hearing screening
- ▶ Psychological and behavioral development assessment
- ▶ Counseling on the harmful effects of smoking and illicit use of drugs (for older children and adolescents)
- ▶ Counseling for children and their parents on nutrition and exercise
- ▶ Screening certain children at high risk for high cholesterol, sexually transmitted diseases, lead poisoning, tuberculosis and more
- ▶ Evaluate the need for fluoride supplements
- ▶ Evaluate the need for Iron supplements



You can take steps toward protecting your child from serious illness by maintaining the doctor recommended schedule of preventive care visits and immunizations.

Following your child's examination the doctor should also provide you with information about your child's growth, development and general health, and will answer any questions you may have about your child.

**UnitedHealthcare encourages regular preventive care visits with a network physician to help maintain your child's health.**

Source: <http://archive.ahrq.gov/clinic/prevenix.htm>

Source: <http://www.allkids.com/customers/checkups.html>

Development, psychosocial, and chronic disease issues for children and adolescents may require frequent counseling and treatment visits separate from preventive care visits. These guidelines represent a consensus by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Bright Futures. The recommendations in this statement do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment or standard of medical care. Variations, taking into account individual circumstances, may be appropriate. Discuss with your doctor how these guidelines may be right for your child, and always consult your doctor before making any decisions about medical care.

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# Childhood Immunizations Age 7 to 18 Years



## Recommended Childhood Immunization schedule for children age 7 through 18 years – United States • 2013

Vaccine	7–10 years	11–12 years	13–18 years
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis <sup>1</sup>	Tdap <sup>1</sup>	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine	Tdap
Human papillomavirus <sup>2</sup>		Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine (3 Doses) <sup>2</sup>	HPV
Meningococcal <sup>3</sup>	MCV4	Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) Dose 1 <sup>3</sup>	MCV4 Dose 1 <sup>3</sup>   Booster at 16 years old
Influenza <sup>4</sup>	Influenza (Yearly) <sup>4</sup>		
Pneumococcal <sup>5</sup>	Pneumococcal Vaccine <sup>5</sup>		
Hepatitis A <sup>6</sup>	Hepatitis A (HepA) Vaccine Series <sup>6</sup>		
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B (HepB) Vaccine Series		
Inactivated poliovirus	Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) Series		
Measles, mumps, rubella	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Series		
Varicella	Varicella Vaccine Series		

These shaded boxes indicate when the vaccine is recommended for all children unless your doctor tells you that your child cannot safely receive the vaccine.	These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine should be given if a child is catching-up on missed vaccines.	These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine is recommended for children with certain health conditions that put them at high risk for serious diseases. Note that healthy children can get the HepA series <sup>6</sup> . See vaccine-specific recommendations at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm</a> .
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[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens)

**Note: If your child misses a shot, you don't need to start over, just go back to your child's doctor for the next shot. Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about vaccines.**

- 1 Tdap vaccine is combination vaccine that is recommended at age 11 or 12 to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. If your child has not received any or all of the DTaP vaccine series, or if you don't know if your child has received these shots, your child needs a single dose of Tdap when they are 7 -10 years old. Talk to your child's health care provider to find out if they need additional catch-up vaccines.
- 2 All 11 or 12 year olds – both girls and boys – should receive 3 doses of HPV vaccine to protect against HPV-related disease. Either HPV vaccine (Cervarix® or Gardasil®) can be given to girls and young women; only one HPV vaccine (Gardasil®) can be given to boys and young men.
- 3 Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) is recommended at age 11 or 12. A booster shot is recommended at age 16. Teens who received MCV for the first time at age 13 through 15 years will need a one-time booster dose between the ages of 16 and 18 years. If your teenager missed getting the vaccine altogether, ask their health care provider about getting it now, especially if your teenager is about to move into a college dorm or military barracks.
- 4 Everyone 6 months of age and older—including preteens and teens—should get a flu vaccine every year. Children under the age of 9 years may require more than one dose. Talk to your child's health care provider to find out if they need more than one dose.
- 5 A single dose of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) is recommended for children who are 6 - 18 years old with certain medical conditions that place them at high risk. Talk to your healthcare provider about pneumococcal vaccine and what factors may place your child at high risk for pneumococcal disease.
- 6 Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended for older children with certain medical conditions that place them at high risk. HepA vaccine is licensed, safe, and effective for all children of all ages. Even if your child is not at high risk, you may decide you want your child protected against HepA. Talk to your health care provider about HepA vaccine and what factors may place your child at high risk for HepA.

If your child has any medical conditions that put him/her at risk for infection or is traveling outside of the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that he/she may need.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Recommended immunization schedules for persons aged 7 through 18 years – United States, 2014 at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm).

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# Childhood Immunizations

## Newborn to Age 6 Years



Immunizations save millions of lives each year, and can help protect your child against many childhood diseases. The following immunization schedule will provide you with the guideline recommendations for children ages 0-6 years.

### Recommended Childhood Immunization schedule for children aged 0 through 6 years – United States • 2013

Vaccine	Newborn	1 Month	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	9 Months	12 Months	15 Months	18 Months	19-23 Months	2-3 Years	4-6 Years
Hepatitis B		HepB			HepB							
Rotavirus			RV	RV	RV							
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis			DTaP	DTaP	DTaP			DTaP	DTaP			DTaP
Haemophilus influenzae type b			Hib	Hib	Hib		Hib	Hib				
Pneumococcal			PCV	PCV	PCV		PCV	PCV				
Inactivated poliovirus			IPV	IPV	IPV							IPV
Influenza					Influenza (yearly)*							
Measles, mumps, rubella							MMR	MMR				MMR
Varicella							Varicella	Varicella				Varicella
Hepatitis A							HepA**					

Range of recommended ages for all children

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

**Note: If your child misses a shot, you don't need to start over, just go back to your child's doctor for the next shot. Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about vaccines.**

\*Two doses given at least four weeks apart are recommended for children aged 6 months through 8 years of age who are getting a flu vaccine for the first time and for some other children in this age group.  
 \*\*Two doses of HepA vaccine are needed for lasting protection. The first dose of HepA vaccine should be given between 12 months and 23 months of age. The second dose should be given 6 months later. HepA vaccination may be given to any child 12 months and older to protect against HepA. Children and adolescents who did not receive the HepA vaccine and are at high-risk, should be vaccinated against HepA.  
 If your child has any medical conditions that put him/her at risk for infection or is traveling outside of the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that he/she may need.  
 SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Recommended immunization schedules for persons aged 0 through 6 years — United States, 2013, at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm).  
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For more information on preventive care, visit our online website at [www.uhcpreventivecare.com](http://www.uhcpreventivecare.com) to identify your age-and gender-specific preventive care guidelines, based on recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and other health organizations. You can also email, download or print your results and sign up for preventive care email reminders. Use these recommendations to talk with your doctor about the preventive health screenings that may be right for you.



These guidelines are based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They are provided for informational purposes only, and do not constitute medical advice. Individuals with symptoms or at high risk for disease may need additional services or more frequent interventions. Discuss with your doctor how these guidelines may be right for you, and always consult your doctor before making any decisions about medical care. These guidelines do not necessarily reflect the vaccines, screenings or tests that will be covered by your benefit plan. Always refer to your plan documents for specific benefit coverage and limitations or call the toll-free member phone number on the back of your health plan ID card.

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