

Strength of Recommendation	Definition
A	Recommendation based on consistent and good-quality patient-oriented evidence*
B	Recommendation based on inconsistent or limited-quality patient-oriented evidence*
C	Recommendation based on consensus, usual practice, expert opinion, disease-oriented evidence,** and case series for studies of diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or screening
<p><i>*—Patient-oriented evidence measures outcomes that matter to patients: morbidity, mortality, symptom improvement, cost reduction, and quality of life.</i></p> <p><i>**—Disease-oriented evidence measures intermediate, physiologic, or surrogate endpoints that may or may not reflect improvements in patient outcomes (e.g., blood pressure, blood chemistry, physiologic function, and pathologic findings).</i></p>	