

Elements of Recommendations

Mandatory Elements	Suggested Verbiage		
When (in what circumstances and in what patient population)	(For/In) patients with condition X		
Who (the person performing the action of the recommendation statement)	Clinicians		
Level of obligation (A, B, C)	A: Must (not) prescribe, offer (Rx) Must (not) test, counsel, monitor (Scrn, Dx, Px) Must avoid (causation)	B: Should (not) offer, prescribe Should (not) test, counsel, monitor Should avoid	C: May offer, prescribe May test, counsel, monitor, educate* May avoid May choose not to offer, prescribe May choose not to test, counsel, monitor
What (do what): Intervention (co-intervention): Intervention A (as compared with intervention B)	Describe specific intervention/test		
To precipitate what: (outcome)	Outcome Y		
Level of evidence: (Level N)			

*In the special case of negative Level C recommendations, we add the word *choose* because the term *may not* connotes a higher level of obligation than is intended.