Element 3A: Implement Evidence-Based Guidelines

The practice implements evidence-based guidelines through point-of-care reminders for three important conditions, one related to unhealthy behaviors, mental health, or substance abuse.

PCC EHR includes built in protocols or chart notes that come standard with every PCC EHR installation. Some of these protocols are based on evidence-based guidelines and can be used by PCC clients to consistently plan and manage care for patients with certain important conditions. In this section, we will document the charting protocols that are included with PCC EHR for the following important conditions:

- Well Child Care
- Premature Infant Care
- ADHD

Important condition #1: Well Child Care

The AAP's Bright Futures[™] protocols are available in PCC EHR. These protocols provide every PCC EHR client with a set of pre-made workflow chart notes designed by pediatric specialists.

As the AAP designed this approach, their goal was clearly stated to be "...to document effectiveness, measure outcomes, and promote additional research and evidence-based practice." Expert Panels, comprised of four interdisciplinary teams of authorities in infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, and adolescent health work to identify research related to health maintenance and preventive services. Further, they interpret and apply the research. Expert sources from which content is drawn include the Cochrane Collaboration, the US Preventive Services Task Force, the National Guideline Clearinghouse, and *Healthy People 2010*. The results include detailed guidance supporting a wealth of detailed, age-appropriate screenings, assessments and recommended health maintenance.

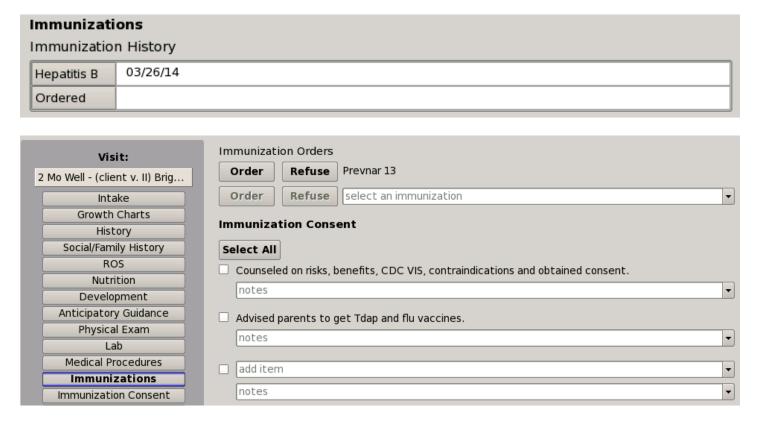
PCC EHR includes comprehensive guidance for practices to focus on any and all age-specific needs with which their patients present and helps practices identify risks to which their patients may be prone.

The following protocol templates are included in PCC EHR and based on Bright Futures™:

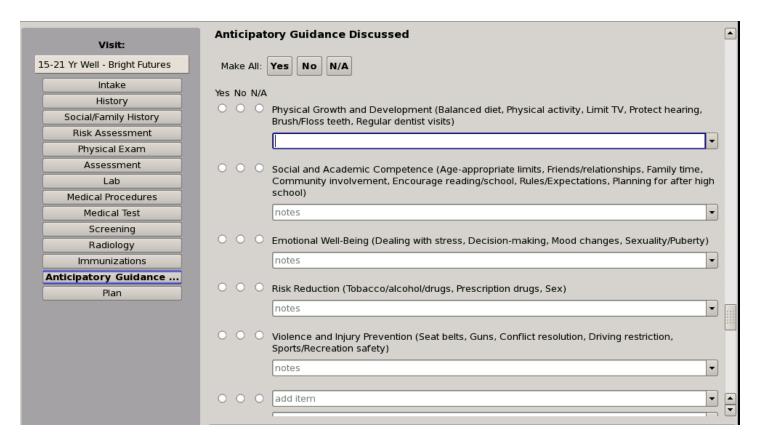
- 2-5 day well visit
- 2 week well visit
- 1 month well visit
- 2 month well visit
- 4 month well visit
- 6 month well visit
- 9 month well visit
- 12 month well visit
- 15 month well visit
- 18 month well visit

- 24 month well visit
- 3 year well visit
- 4 year well visit
- 5-6 year well visit
- 7-8 year well visit
- 9-10 year well visit
- 11-14 year well visit
- 15-21 year well visit
- Sick visit

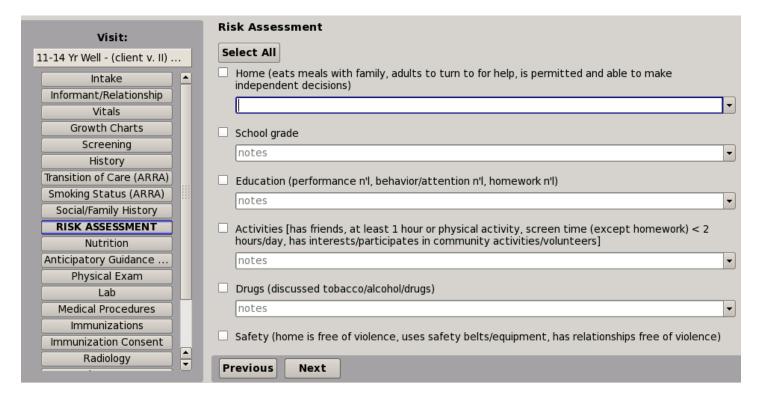
One area of guidance is with the recommended immunization schedule included in templates for all ages where vaccines are recommended. The following screen shot shows a section of the 2 month well visit protocol where a list of previous vaccines are included along with the recommended vaccines for today's visit and a place to document that counseling was given and consent was obtained:

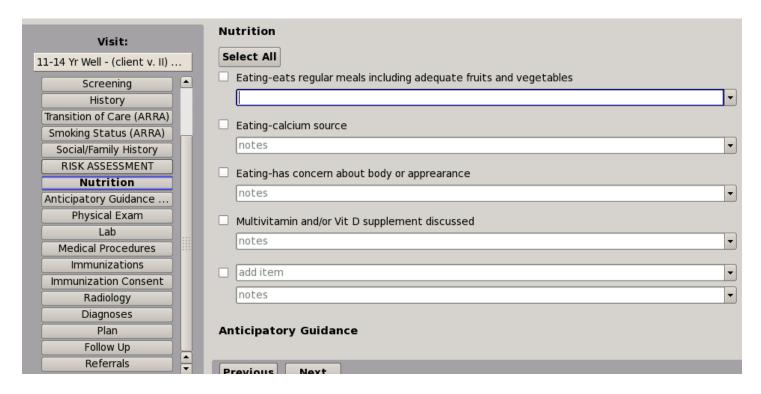


Age-appropriate anticipatory guidance templates are also provided within the standard Bright Futures[™] protocols within PCC EHR. The following screen shot shows the discussion topics offered in the 15-21 year template:



Risk assessment and nutrition sections are also included and have suggested age-appropriate topics to discuss as shown in the following screen shot for 11-14 year olds:





PCC EHR clients have the ability to edit these protocols should they choose to add or change certain components based on their own charting needs and styles.