ACP PIER®: The Physicians’ Information and Education Resource

ACP PIER® is an evidence-based medicine resource available in the Stat!Ref database (http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/health/databases/atoz/databasesq.html). PIER can be accessed from home or the office.

Produced by the American College of Physicians, ACP PIER is a decision-support tool designed for rapid point-of-care delivery of evidence-based guidance for health professionals and students. PIER was ranked highest in all four categories against 13 other EBM resources including UpToDate by the study “Systematic Evaluation for Evidence-Based Medicine Tools for Point-of-Care” (http://ils.mdacc.tmc.edu/papers.html).

AHFS DI® Essentials™ is the drug reference support partnered with ACP PIER. Essentials™ monographs draw on the meticulously evidence-based guidelines in the full AHFS DI® database, distilling for the health professional the essential information on prescription and key over-the-counter (OTC) drugs.

It is easy to use, just type in your term(s) and look for ACP PIER in the results list. Or, to search ACP PIER exclusively, go to the Advanced Search feature in Stat!Ref and select ACP PIER.

Look for the ACP PIER in a simple keyword results listing.
Each section in PIER has an intuitive structured organization so that you can jump to the aspect of interest (e.g. prevention).

Each consideration has an EBM rating*. An A-rated guideline supports the most authoritative course of action.

The specific recommendation 1.1 gets the highest rating [A] because it’s supported by a level 1 study. (It meets all three of the criteria for a study of prevention.)

Other components include:

• Rationale: recommendations are explained and the evidence is summarized

• Comments: add helpful information such as related clinical trials.

*Created with McMaster University (HIRU) (http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/pier/PIER_Overview.htm)