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Recommended Action in Medical Practice for Prevention of and Early Intervention for Substance Use among Adolescents and Young Adults



Substance use and addiction is America's largest and most costly preventable health problem. Its medical consequences are far reaching and devastating. Addiction is a developmental disease and both risky use and addiction can be prevented and effectively treated and managed. Despite these facts, primary care providers are not equipped with the knowledge or skills to address these health conditions. There is an urgent need to intervene in a comprehensive and effective manner that is consistent across medicine.

To address this need, the American Board of Addiction Medicine Foundation working with representatives of addiction medicine, pediatrics and adolescent medicine developed the following:

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