In March of 2016 and March 2021, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) was awarded a five-year cooperative agreement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to engage a coalition of national health professional organizations and consumer and patient advocates with expertise in women’s health across the lifespan to develop, review, and update recommendations for women’s preventive healthcare services, including HRSA-sponsored Women’s Preventive Services Guidelines. This coalition of over 20 national organizations is known as the Women’s Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI). If adopted by HRSA, the recommendations will help ensure that women receive a comprehensive set of preventive services without having to pay a co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible.

To date, the WPSI has published 13 recommendations:

- Breast Cancer Screening for Average Risk Women
- Breastfeeding Services and Supplies *UPDATED*
- Contraception *UPDATED*
- Counseling for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) *UPDATED*
- Screening for Cervical Cancer
- Screening for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
- Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) *UPDATED*
- Screening for Interpersonal and Domestic Violence
- Well-Woman Preventive Visits *UPDATED*
- Screening for Diabetes Mellitus After Pregnancy
- Screening for Urinary Incontinence
- Screening for Anxiety
- Preventing Obesity in Midlife Women *NEW*

The WPSI has created several free tools to assist health care professionals in implementing the recommendations:

- Recommendations for Well-Woman Care – A Well-Woman Chart
- Clinical Summary Tables
- WPSI Mobile Shortcut
- WPSI Coding Guide
- Social Media Tool Kit
- Patient Education Pamphlets
- Telehealth FAQ for Preventive Care
- How I Practice Videos

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