



## OCULAR PROPHYLAXIS FOR GONOCOCCAL OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM CLINICAL SUMMARY OF U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE REAFFIRMATION RECOMMENDATION

<b>Population</b>	<b>All newborn infants</b>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Provide prophylactic ocular topical medication for the prevention of gonococcal ophthalmia neonatorum.</b>  <b>Grade: A</b>

<b>Risk Assessment</b>	All newborns should receive prophylaxis.  However, some newborns are at increased risk, including those with a maternal history of no prenatal care, sexually transmitted infections, or substance abuse.
<b>Preventive Interventions</b>	Preventive medications include 0.5% erythromycin ophthalmic ointment, 1.0% solution of silver nitrate, and 1.0% tetracycline ointment. All are considered equally effective; however, the latter two are no longer available in the United States.
<b>Timing of Intervention</b>	Within 24 hours after birth.
<b>Relevant USPSTF Recommendations</b>	Several recommendations on screening and counseling for infectious diseases and perinatal care can be found at <a href="http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/">http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/</a> .

For a summary of the evidence systematically reviewed in making these recommendations, the full recommendation statement, and supporting documents, please go to <http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/>.