

CDC releases clinical guidance on e-cigarette lung injury

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(HealthDay)—In an early-release Oct. 11 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC presents interim guidance to help clinicians assess, evaluate, manage, and follow patients with electronic cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI).

David A. Siegel, M.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues assessed national surveillance data regarding clinical features of recently reported cases of EVALI. The authors then updated interim recommendations based on these data for U.S. [health care providers](#) caring for patients with suspected or known EVALI.

The interim guidance recommends that health care providers evaluating patients suspected to have EVALI ask about the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products in "a nonjudgmental and thorough manner." Patients suspected of having EVALI should have a chest radiograph. Hospital admission is recommended for patients with

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