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Electronic Preventive Services Selector (ePSS) for

Windows App

Instructions for Use



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Overview

This document provides instructions for viewing the US Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations using a tablet or computer with Windows 8 or later installed. The user can Search the database for specific recommendations using criteria filters including: age, sex, pregnancy status, tobacco use and sexual activity, Browse for all specific recommendations grouped by clinical topics or retrieve saved recommendations using Bookmarks.

Home Screen

The home screen (Figure 1) provides the following navigation buttons:

- search for recommendations - Search and display recommendations based on specific criteria
- browse by topic - Display recommendations by clinical topic
- bookmarks – Display bookmarked recommendation and topics
- tools - display and, if configured, access USPSTF recommended screening tools
- grade definitions - View grade definitions for recommendations
- faq - Browse Frequently Asked Questions
- about – Display about ePSS and about USPSTF information

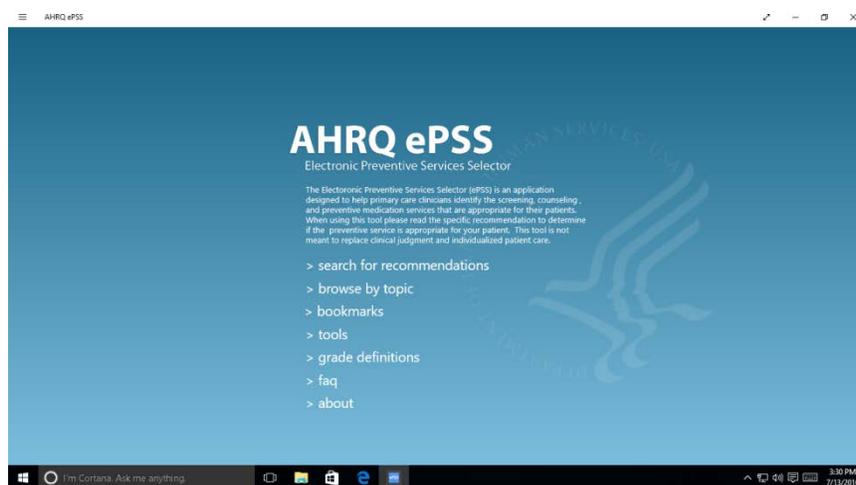


Figure 1: Home Screen

Search for Recommendations

The "search for recommendations" option on the home screen is used to perform a targeted search for specific recommendations. Select the "search" button to initiate a search (Figure 2). Optional search criteria can be entered to filter results based on:

- Age between 0-99 (for infants under the ages of 1 year, enter 0)
- Patient gender by selecting the button "Male" or "Female". If the "Both" button is selected, recommendations for both Male and Female patients are displayed
- Pregnancy status, choose "Yes" to indicate pregnant
- Tobacco User, choose "Yes" for "Tobacco User"
- Sexually Active, choose "Yes" for "Sexually Active"

The "reset" button is used to clear the search criteria and start a new search; the "ePSS" button is used to return to the Home Screen. The Search screen can be accessed from anywhere within the application by selecting the "search" button from the top panel.

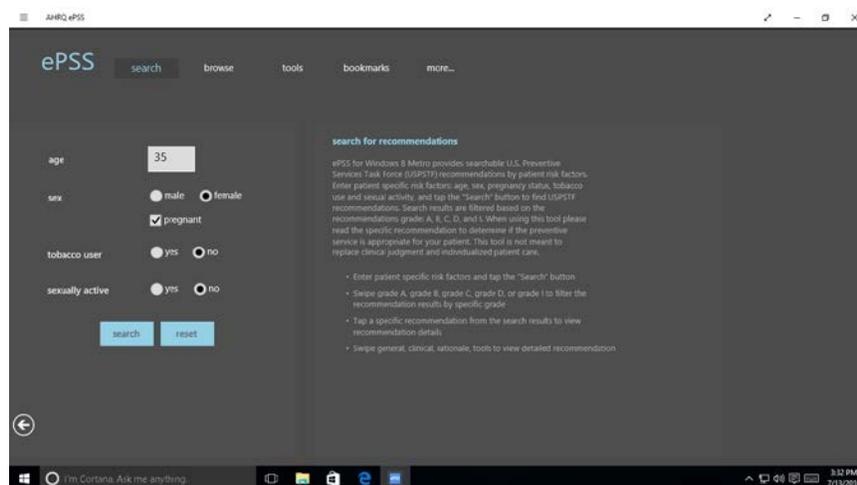


Figure 2: Search for Recommendations Screen

Search Results, Display and Navigation

The current Search Criteria is displayed above the search results (Figure 3), followed by a list of all recommendations matching the search criteria grouped into five grade tabs: A, B, C, D, and I. Swiping the Grade tab changes the display to include only recommendations for the corresponding grade level. In general, recommendations with grades A or B are grouped under the Category Recommended, grade D is grouped under the Category Not Recommended, and grades C or I are grouped under the Category Uncertain. An asterisk ("*"), in front of the recommendation, indicates that the old grade definitions are associated. Touch the "search" button on the top to displays a new search screen. Select the "Bookmark" icon on the top to Bookmark the selected recommendation. All bookmarked recommendations can be accessed from "bookmarks" screen. The "browse", "tools" and "bookmarks" buttons on the top panel enable the user to switch between search modes.

Selecting a Recommendation in a Search Results list displays the Recommendation Details Screen, providing General Information about the Recommendation with the following tabs:

- general (Default Display): Displays the Detail, Grade, Frequency of Service (if available) and Risk Information (if available) for the selected Recommendation.
- rationale: This tab displays the Rationale information for the Specific Recommendation, or the Rationale information for the associated Clinical Topic, if available.
- clinical: This tab displays the Topic-level Clinical Consideration information for the selected Recommendation.
- others: This tab displays the Discussion and Other Sections information for the selected Recommendation.
- tools: This tab provides the Specific Recommendations, grades and qualified Screening Tools.

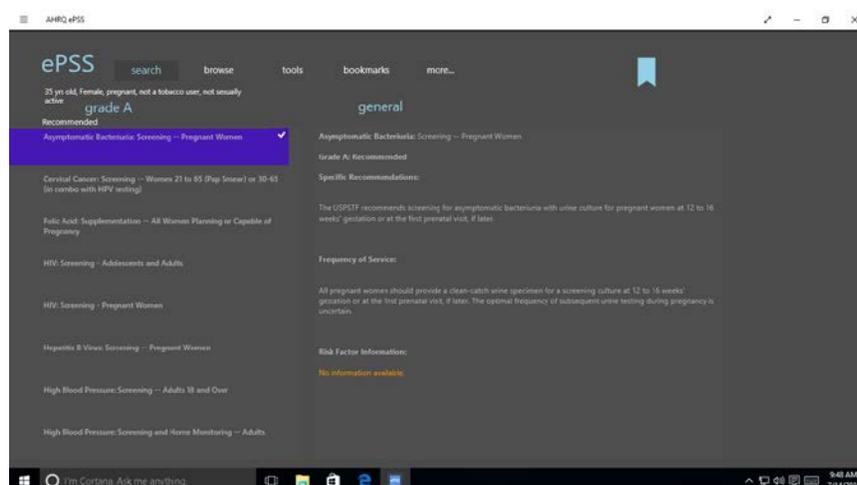


Figure 3: Search Results Screen

Browse Recommendations by Topic

Browse by Topic displays recommendations by Clinical Topics (Figure 4). Browse by Topic can be initiated through selection on the Home screen, or by selecting the "browse" button from the top panel. The Topic Display is controlled using four tabs:

- view all: This tab displays a list of all USPSTF topics sorted in alphabetical order.
- counseling: This tab displays the list of USPSTF topics by Counseling category.
- preventive: This tab displays the list of USPSTF topics by Preventive Medication category.
- screening: This tab displays the list of USPSTF topics by Screening category.

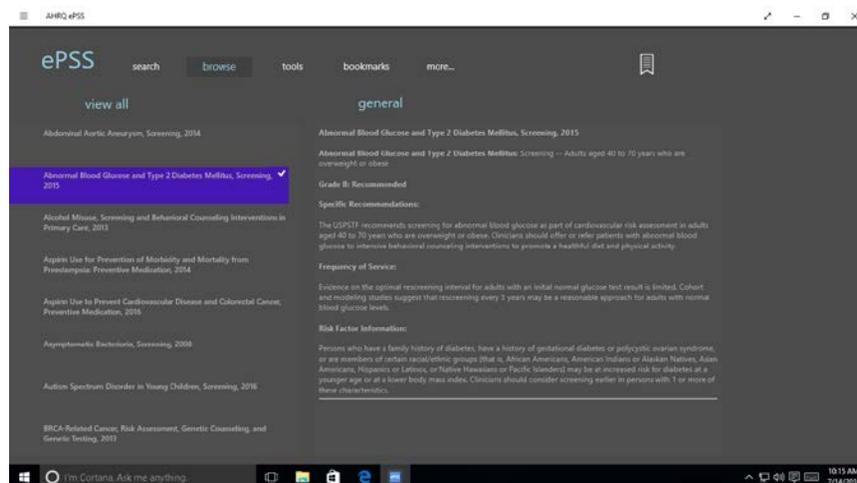


Figure 4: Browse by Topic Screen

Selecting a topic name displays the Specific Recommendations related to that Clinical Topic, and provides the following tabs:

- general (Default): Displays the Detail, Grade, Frequency of Service (if available), and Risk Information (if available), for each Specific Recommendation associated with the Topic.
- rationale: Displays the Rationale information for Specific Recommendations, or the Rationale information for the selected topic, as available.
- clinical: Displays the Clinical Consideration information for the selected Topic.
- others: Displays the Discussion and Other Sections information for the selected Topic.
- tools: Displays the list of Specific Recommendations, their Grade and qualified Screening Tools.

Bookmark Search/Topics

Select the "bookmarks" button on the home screen to open a list of bookmarked recommendations and topics (Figure 5). The bookmark titles are displayed by results type, search and browse by topics. Bookmarked recommendations can be removed by highlighting the bookmark and selecting the "bookmark" icon. Selecting a bookmark displays the recommendation details, as appropriate for the Specific Recommendation or Topic. All Navigation and features appropriate for the type of bookmark are active when the bookmark results are displayed.

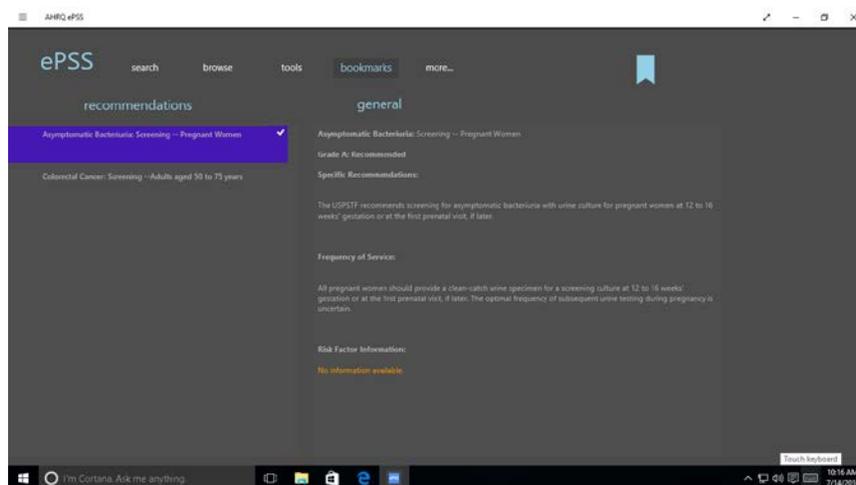


Figure 5: Bookmarks Screen

Tools

Based on recommendations from the USPSTF, these tools are designed to help clinicians access information at the point of care. The ePSS application provides clinicians with a convenient mechanism for accessing available tools directly, without searching and viewing recommendations.

Select the "tools" button on the Home screen, or select Tools from the main screen to view the USPSTF recommended screening tools (Figure 6). A cellular data or WiFi internet connection is required to access these tools.

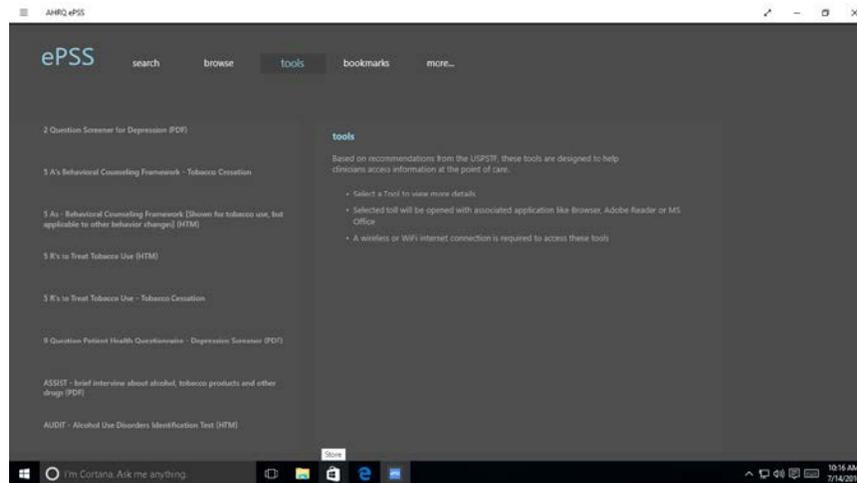


Figure 6: Tools Screen

Information Screens

The Information pages displayed on Home screen (Figure 1) can be used to display general information about the ePSS application, and to access specific features and customization options including:

- About
- Grade Definitions
- FAQ

Select "more..." button from the top panel of the main screen (Figure 7) to view the all information pages.

- About
- Grade Definitions
- Instructions for Use
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Subscribe

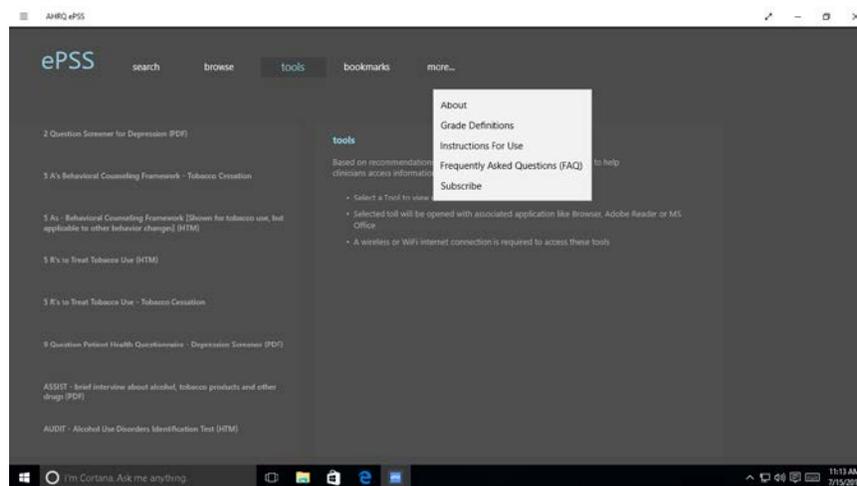


Figure 7: More Screen

Recommendation Updates

The ePSS Windows App automatically checks and updates the application with the most recent ePSS recommendations upon application launch. A wireless or WiFi internet connection is required to access recommendation updates.