

STEP 3: Childhood Obesity Algorithm

why does this matter?

Over the last few years there has been increased understanding and research demonstrating that children with overweight and obesity may be sick, and often times these children are not being appropriately screened for co-morbidities.

Providers want to be able to keep their patients in their medical homes by managing and treating them in their offices and these providers have asked for guidance.

With these points in mind, the American Academy of Pediatrics Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight, a team of national experts, created the *Algorithm for the Assessment and Management of Childhood Obesity in Patients 2 Years and Older*, to support Primary Care Providers.