

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Chronic cough does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because the topic does not address a specific therapeutic or diagnostic intervention. Information on existing AHRQ Effective Health Care reports on chronic cough and GERD can be found below. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.
 - Existing AHRQ Effective Health Care (EHC) report: Assessment and Management of Chronic Cough
 - To view the research review, please go to: <u>http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/356/1371/chronic-cough-report-140319.pdf</u>
 - Existing EHC report: Comparative Effectiveness of Management Strategies for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease – an Update to the 2005 Report
 - To view the research review, please go to: <u>http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/165/755/CER29-</u> GERD_20110926.pdf
 - To view the consumer summary, please go to: <u>http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/165/756/gerd_consumer.pdf</u>

Topic Description

Nominator(s): Individual

Nomination The nominator is seeking medical advice for a constant cough. **Summary:**

Considerations

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews focus attention on the evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention. The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/.)