

# EVALI DISCHARGE READINESS CHECKLIST

Use this checklist *in addition* to institutional checklists and resources to assist with planning towards the safe discharge of patients hospitalized with e-cigarette, or vaping, product use—associated lung injury (EVALI).<sup>1</sup>

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## CONFIRM PATIENT CLINICAL STABILITY

- Stable oxygenation and exercise tolerance for 24–48 hours prior to planned discharge\*
- Stable vital signs and physical exam, resolution of symptoms, and normalized laboratory tests

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## ENSURE INITIAL FOLLOW-UP, OPTIMALLY WITHIN 48 HOURS

- Confirm outpatient follow-up with primary care or pulmonology, optimally within 48 hours of anticipated discharge**

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## ENSURE APPROPRIATE OUTPATIENT FOLLOW-UP

- Confirm outpatient follow-up, as indicated by clinical course during hospitalization
  - Primary care:** for all EVALI patients, optimally within 48 hours
  - Pulmonology:** for all EVALI patients, follow-up within 2–4 weeks, and at 1–2 months
  - Endocrinology:** for pediatric EVALI patients given steroids, for all EVALI patients at heightened risk of adrenal suppression due to duration or intensity of steroid treatment
  - Cardiology:** for those EVALI patients with history of cardiac pathology
  - Psychiatry:** for those EVALI patients with concurrent anxiety, depression, PTSD, ADHD, previously diagnosed psychiatric illness, or if inpatient psychiatry consultation was required
  - Addiction medicine:** for those EVALI patients with a positive substance use disorder screen
  - Physical therapy:** for those EVALI patients demonstrating any deconditioning
  - Pain management:** for those EVALI patients with a chronic pain syndrome or pain due to comorbidities
- Provide written guidance about signs and symptoms and instructions on finding help, if symptoms recur
- Consider additional measures to optimize outpatient follow-up for patients with conditions of high risk for EVALI rehospitalization and death\*\*

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## OPTIMIZE OUTPATIENT MEDICATION USE & SAFETY

- Complete discharge medication reconciliation with outpatient medications, clinical course
- Complete discharge medication counseling between inpatient pharmacist and patient
- Counsel on signs of adrenal insufficiency if patient was prescribed corticosteroids during hospitalization, and on informing providers about corticosteroid treatment in case of acute injury or illness

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## CONNECT TO SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE

- Complete evaluation by social care workforce to identify, record, and address post-hospital support needs
- Complete screening for mental health and substance use disorders
- Connect to community services to address social determinants of health

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## OFFER AND OPTIMIZE CESSATION SUPPORT

- Complete substance use disorder screening (ASSIST, CRAFFT-N, or institution's preferred tool) with connection to addiction medicine, follow-up counseling, and medications when indicated
- Discuss cessation from e-cigarette, or vaping, including documenting a quit plan, and offering evidence-based tobacco product cessation interventions, including behavioral counseling and medications\*\*\*

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<sup>1</sup> [Evans 2019], [Mikosz 2019], Clinical Lung Injury Working Group

\*After EVALI admission or if prior home O2 dependence, confirmed stability on low-flow O2 with home discharge on supplemental O2 might be indicated.

\*\*Older age, cardiac disease, diabetes, chronic pulmonary disease (including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and obstructive sleep apnea), or multiple comorbidities.

\*\*\* Among patients aged <18 years, health care professionals can consider the use of interventions that have been shown to increase cigarette smoking cessation among adults, including behavioral interventions. No medications are currently FDA-approved for tobacco product cessation, including e-cigarettes, in children and adolescents.