

How to use the PHCG



Always start on the Adult or Child contents page – as appropriate:

Symptoms

Chronic conditions

Use the red box to determine if the patient needs **urgent attention** and manage them appropriately.

If the patient does not need urgent attention, follow the algorithmic approach to either a management plan or to consider a chronic condition.

Does the patient need:

This or

That

The guide refers you to relevant pages during patient evaluation or routine care with arrows:



- The return arrow (↶) guides you to a new page but suggests that you return and continue on the original page.
- The direct arrow (→) guides you to continue on another page.



A 3-step framework of **Assess, Advise** and **Treat** standardises the approach to the patient with a chronic condition.

The 'Assess' table is divided into different greys to indicate 3 assessment areas:

Assess

History (what to ask)

Examination (what to look for)

Investigations (what tests to do)

See front of PHCG for more information on "How to use this Guide"

