Gout is a disorder that manifests as a spectrum of clinical and pathologic features built on a foundation of an excess body burden of uric acid, manifested in part by hyperuricemia. We developed two-part American College of Rheumatology gout guidelines, at an international level, for acute treatment, prophylaxis, and chronic management of gout. The guidelines were developed using evidence and consensus-based methodology. These guidelines are applicable for rheumatologists and other health care providers, including other subspecialists, primary care practitioners, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and allied health professionals.