United States Public Health Service
Indian Health Service
Phoenix Indian Medical Center

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Indian Health Service (IHS)

- Part of the Dept. of Health and Human Services since 1955
- Federal health care provider for **eligible** AI/AN
  - Member of federally recognized tribes (564)
  - Not an entitlement program
- Healthcare to 1.5 million AI/AN
  - ~60% of AI/AN Census population
- Highly de-centralized system
- IHS Funded “I/T/U” system (35 States)
  - Indian Health Service facilities
    - 29 Hospitals, 68 Health Centers, 41 Health Stations
  - Tribal health facilities
    - 16 Hospitals, 258 Health Centers, 166 Alaska Village Clinics, 74 Health Stations
  - Urban Indian health facilities
    - 34 facilities

Phoenix Indian Medical Center

- Over 1000 employees/providers
- Pharmacy has over 180,000 outpatient encounters annually
- Inpatient and Outpatient Care
  - Intensive Care Unit
  - Med/Surg Ward
  - Podiatry Clinic
  - Women’s Clinic
  - Primary Care
  - Oncology Clinic
  - Optometry Clinic
  - Dermatology Clinic
  - Surgery Clinic
  - OB/Nursery
  - Endocrinology
  - Pain Clinic
  - Pediatric Clinic
  - Express Care
  - Emergency Room
Pharmacist Immunizers: Why?

- Coverage rates with most adult vaccines are sub-optimal, even in IHS
  - IHS seasonal influenza vaccine coverage rates for 2011-2012: 34.2%
- Increases patient access
  - Clinics are often at or near capacity
    - Can be difficult for patient to schedule appointments for routine immunizations
  - Pharmacy hours are usually longer than clinic hours
- Decreases missed opportunities
  - Patients may see pharmacists more often than their primary care provider (e.g. for medication refills)
  - Pharmacists often encounter more than just the patient, such as siblings, parents, or guardians
- Can generate revenue for the facility
  - In some states pharmacists are recognized as billable providers under Medicaid and can generate revenue

Walk-in Pharmacy Immunization Clinic
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Pharmacy Patient Wellness Handout (PWH)
Employee Immunizations

Inpatient Immunizations
Non-Beneficiary Contacts

APhA Pharmacy Based Immunization Delivery

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