

# National Adult Immunization SUMMIT

## Adult Vaccination: What Works

### Name of the Organization:

**American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)**

### What We Did and When:

- Immunization topics offered yearly at IMPACT, AAPA's Annual meeting.
- Various articles published in *PA Professional* over the years.
- Various articles published in JAAPA [www.jaapa.com](http://www.jaapa.com) such as "When the Patient Asks--Should I get the shingles vaccine?" <http://www.jaapa.com/should-i-get-the-shingles-vaccine/article/257967/> September 2012; from the Academy: "Pneumococcal disease: Swinging away at a dangerous killer" <http://www.jaapa.com/pneumococcal-disease-swinging-away-at-a-dangerous-killer/article/177825/> September 2010.
- Dedicated web page addressing immunization [http://www.aapa.org/your\\_pa\\_practice/clinical\\_policy/resources/item.aspx?id=668](http://www.aapa.org/your_pa_practice/clinical_policy/resources/item.aspx?id=668).
- Vaccine Pocket Guides for influenza, pneumococcal, Tdap, and zoster vaccines (obtained from the Immunization Action Coalition) are provided to new members as part of the new AAPA member toolkit.
- In 2010, we surveyed membership on which adult vaccines they offer to their patients and to whom they recommend the pneumococcal vaccine.

### Outcome or Results We Got:

- Received positive feedback from members who received the pocket guides.
- Immunization session always full and excellent session evaluation.

Result of survey revealed PAs in primary care and family medicine were more likely to offer vaccines than those in specialty areas; the majority offered pneumococcal vaccine as per the ACIP recommendations.

### About Our Organization:

- Founded in 1968, the **American Academy of Physician Assistants** is the national professional society for physician assistants. It represents a profession of more than 84,000 certified PAs across all medical and surgical specialties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the majority of the U.S. territories, and within the uniformed services.

AAPA advocates and educates on behalf of the profession and the patients PAs serve. AAPA works to ensure the professional growth, personal excellence, and recognition of physician assistants. It also works to enhance their ability to improve the quality, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of patient-centered health care.

### Our Organization's Website and/or Resources:

- [www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org)
- [http://www.aapa.org/your\\_pa\\_practice/clinical\\_policy/resources/item.aspx?id=668](http://www.aapa.org/your_pa_practice/clinical_policy/resources/item.aspx?id=668)

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