



American Nurses Association: Role Related to the Adult Immunization Standards





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American Nurses Association



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Mission of American Nurses Association

 Nurses advancing our profession to
improve health for all

American Nurses Association

- Represents the interest of 3.4 million registered nurses
- 50 State Nurses Associations, 20 Organizational Affiliates
- Advances the nursing profession by:
 - fostering high standards of nursing practice,
 - promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace,
 - projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing,
 - by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

ANA: Ruth Francis

- Preventive Health
- Managed the health promotion section of CHILD Profile, Seattle, WA
- Manage ANA Immunizations

ANA: Charles Rittle

- Assistant Professor, Nursing Faculty, Chatham University
- Represents ANA at ACIP Meetings and Conference Calls

ANA: Nursing Practice & Work Environment

- ✦ Assists nurses and the profession through the development, maintenance and revision of scope and standards of professional nursing practice; increasing the health, safety, and wellness of the registered nurse; and supporting and developing safe healthcare work environments.

Occupational Health

- Safe patient handling & mobility
- Workplace violence/incivility
- Sharps
- Worksite wellness
- Fatigue
- Absenteeism
- Other risks



History of ANA Role in Immunizations

- CDC/ASTHO Grant in 2011-2012
- *'bring immunity to every community'*
- Developed the ANA Immunize website
- Developed ImmuNews newsletter

ANA: Role in Immunizations

- Continued supporting ANA Immunize Website and monthly ImmuNews
- Highlight ANA work, State Nurses Associations, and Organizational Affiliates
- Attend CDC NVAC Meetings
- Attend FDA VRBPAC Meetings
- Provide input for other related groups – ACIUN – how immunizations should be taught in nursing schools
- Members volunteer on committees and provide their expertise

ANA: Role on ACIP

- Attend ACIP meetings in Atlanta as scheduled
- Represent and contribute the role of nursing as appropriate
- Report back to the ANA on discussions, background, and voting results at the ACIP meetings
- Serve on workgroups involved in developing recommendations
- Currently serving on the General Recommendations WG and the Adult Immunizations WG

ANA Promoting Immunizations

- Healthy Nurse™
- Health Risk Appraisal data
 - Currently over 7,000 respondents
 - Data used from October 7, 2013-October 13, 2014
 - Demographic, healthy work environment, health/safety/wellness
 - Included immunization questions
 - 90% respondents have had the seasonal influenza vaccine
 - Less reported being fully immunized

ANA Promoting Immunizations

- Health Risk Appraisal is ongoing
- Change in ANA Position regarding Immunizations (vote by BOD in July)
- Continue to support Federal partners, SNA and OA's

ANA: Adult Immunization Standards

 ANA plays a direct role:

- Goal 2 – improve access to adult vaccines
 - Recommending vaccines
 - Improving understanding of provider financial barriers
 - Expand provider network
- Goal 3 – increase community demand
 - Educate nurses
 - Educate individuals
 - Outreach to community groups via SNA/OA's

ANA: Adult Immunization Standards

- ✎ ANA plays an indirect role:
 - Goal 1 – strengthen infrastructure
 - Monitor trends
 - Goal 4 – foster innovation in development and technology
 - Encourage new technologies through networks

ANA: Immunizations Moving Forward

- Continue promoting immunizations
- Refresh ANA Immunize Website – <http://www.anaimmunize.org>
- Monthly ImmuNews newsletter
- Continue work with Federal partners
- Continue supporting SNA and OA's
- Suggestions from Committee?

Thank you!

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