Hitting Reset on Influenza and Adult Vaccination Efforts: Pharmacists Perspective

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Pharmacists are Accessible

- More than 400,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, and 100,000 pharmacy technicians are trained to administer vaccines
- More than 60,000 pharmacies provide vaccinations

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Does a patient need a prescription for a pharmacist to administer a vaccine on the adult immunization schedule?

- No, a pharmacist can prescribe the vaccine (17)
- No, a pharmacist can administer the vaccine via a prescriber approved protocol or non-patient specific order (12)
- A prescription is needed for certain vaccines, ages, or circumstances (2)

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Getting Patients Up-to-Date

• Pharmacists screen patients for CDC/ACIP recommended vaccines
  • When filling or refilling prescriptions for specific conditions
  • When a patient comes in for their annual flu or COVID-19 vaccine
  • When providing patient-centered care through disease-state management

• Pharmacists review IIS registries and supply administered vaccines to registries

• Pharmacists recommend, educate, and administer routine adult vaccines throughout the year

Challenges

• Vaccine Fatigue
• Billing/Reimbursement
• Community Pharmacy
• Documentation Interoperability
• Shared-clinical decision making (SCDM)
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Vaccines

- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Meningococcal B (MenB)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV20)

Health Care Providers

- Primary Care Physicians
- Specialists
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Nurses
- Pharmacists

Solutions

- Co-administration guidance
- Immunization neighborhood
- Keeping pharmacies open
- Increasing vaccine coverage

An expected shortfall of 139,000 primary care providers and 48% of U.S. counties have fewer than one primary care provider for every 1,500 patients²

» there are 15.1% more pharmacy locations within low-income communities than physician practices, and³
» pharmacy locations offer 95.7% more operating hours than physician practice sites.⁴
Thank you!