

Background: National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit

- Multi-sector coalition of organizations working toward increasing uptake of ACIP-recommended adult vaccines and influenza vaccine for all ages
- Started in 2000 in response to influenza vaccine supply issues
 - Founded by AMA and CDC
- Summit Organizing Committee provides input on priorities and inperson meeting agendas
- Over 140 public and private organizations

Summit Organizing Committee (SOC)

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Academy of Physician Associates
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Physicians
- American Medical Association
- American Nurses Association

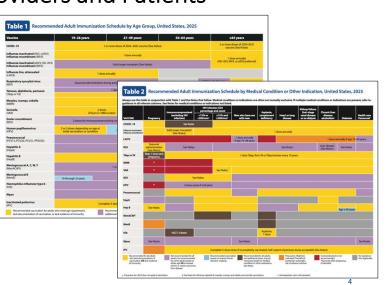
- American Pharmacists Association
- AMGA
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Gerontological Society of America
- Immunize.org
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
- The Joint Commission
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Vaccine Program

AIM, NACCHO, AIRA, PALT-MED, ASTHO, BIO also participate as SOC

liaisons

Adult Immunization Landscape – Challenges for Providers and Patients

- Complex adult immunization schedule, new vaccines, and changing recommendations
 - Aged-based versus risk-based recommendations

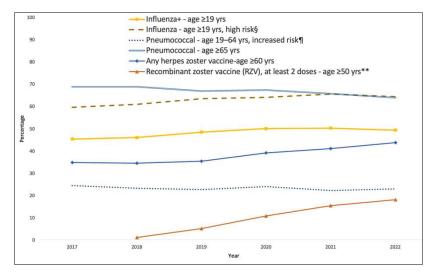


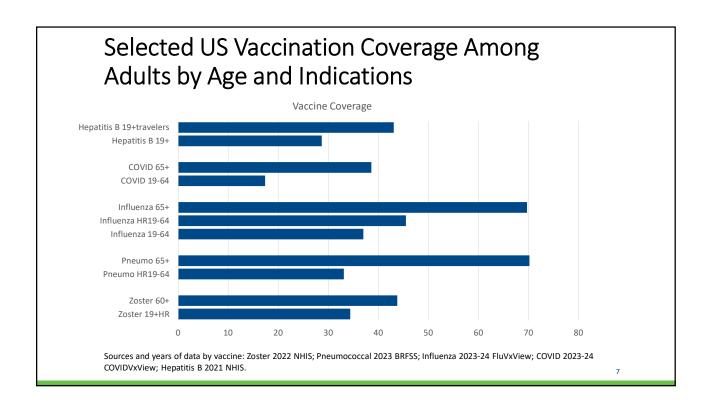
Challenges For Adult Immunization Compared to Pediatrics

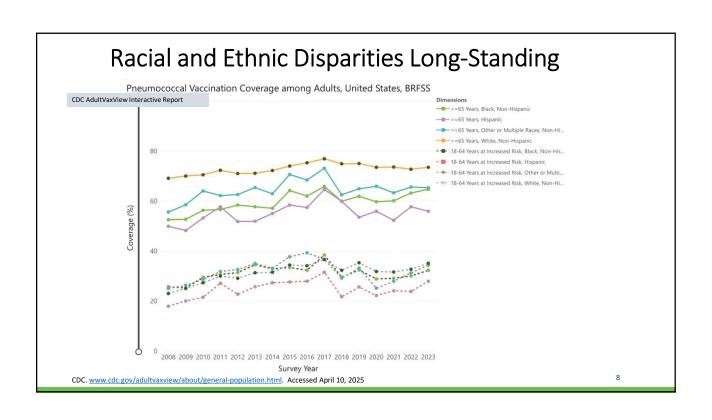
- Adults see many different providers and some have no primary care provider
 - Challenges with knowing which vaccines someone has had and who is "responsible" for ensuring adults are up-to-date
- Vaccinations less integrated into routine adult care
 - Acute issues take precedence over preventive care
- Complex payment landscape
 - · Private insurance covers vaccines on adult schedule
 - · Variable coverage and provider payment by vaccine and for vaccine administration by state for Medicaid
 - Some vaccines covered by Medicare Part B vs Part D
 - Part D vaccines more challenging for non-pharmacist providers to bill
 - No "Vaccines for Adults" program to vaccinate uninsured adults
- Few vaccine requirements for adults
 - E.g., school vaccine requirements a facilitator for children
- Complex adult vaccination schedule with many risk-based (vs age-based) recommendations

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Estimated proportion of adults aged ≥19 years who received selected vaccines,* by age group and risk status — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2017–2022, CDC





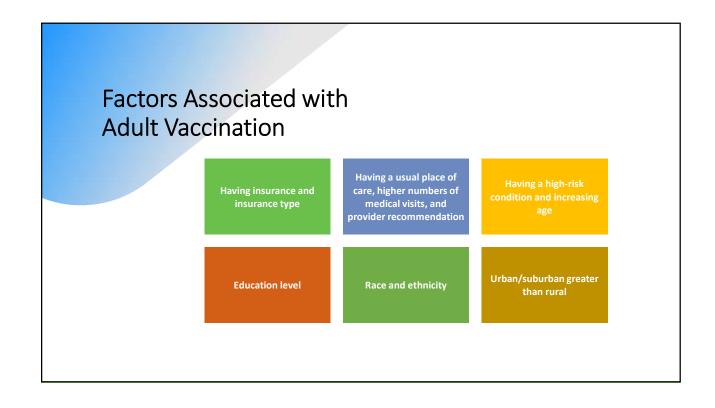


Vaccination coverage estimates using an age-appropriate composite* adult vaccination quality measure and individual component measures, by age group — National Health Interview Survey, US, 2022

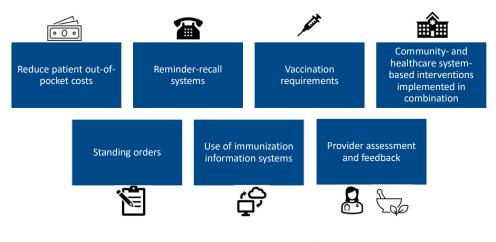
	Age Groups by percent coverage (95% CI)			
Composite Measure	≥19 years	19-49 years	50-64 years	≥65 years
	(n [†] =27,376)	(n [†] =11,700)	(n [†] =6,905)	(n [†] =8,771)
Includes influenza in past 12 months§	22.8	25.4	14.7	26.2
	(22.0-23.7)	(24.3-26.5)	(13.7-15.8)	(25.0-27.4)
Does not include influenza in past 12 months [¶]	42.4	59.4	18.9	28.6
	(41.4-43.4)	(58.0-60.7)	(17.7-20.2)	(27.4-29.9)

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; Composite includes reported influenza, Td/Tdap (last10 years), pneumococcal (any prior), and zoster (any prior) vaccines.

https://www.cdc.gov/adultvaxview/publications-resources/adult-vaccination-coverage-2022.html





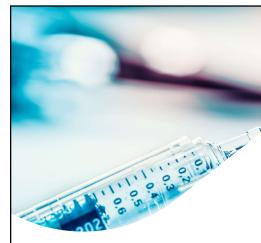


*Included those most applicable to adults. Full list at www.thecommunityguide.org/pages/task-force-findings-increasing-vaccination.html.

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Recent Progress to Improve Adult Vaccination Implementation Opportunities

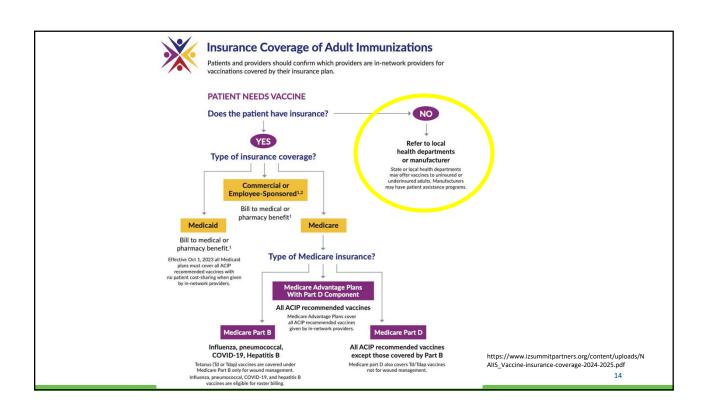
- I.R.A. Inflation Reduction Act
 - Requires no out-of-pocket costs for patients getting ACIP recommended vaccines for Medicare Part D vaccines and for persons on Medicaid
 - Prior to I.R.A., Affordable Care Act required private insurance to include coverage for all ACIP recommended vaccines on the adult schedule without cost sharing
- Improvements in reporting adult vaccination to immunization information systems due to COVID-19
- Two quality measures
 - · Maternal immunization measure
 - Adult composite measure

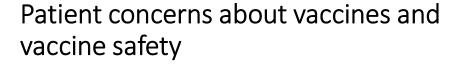


Insurance Coverage for Adult Vaccinations

- Among insured adults, complex payment environment
- No adult vaccine equivalent to Vaccines for Children Program
 - States may use state funds or federal 317 program funds for adult vaccinations

 $\underline{\text{https://advisory.avalerehealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Guide-to-Vaccine-Coverage-Policies.pdf.}\\$







Healthcare provider recommendations remain key predictor of vaccine acceptance.

Vaccine counseling can be time consuming.
 Standards for Adult Immunization Practices
 recommend discussing vaccine needs at every clinical encounter



Many adults do not have a primary care provider or regular source of care.



Community-based organizations key partners and trusted sources of information especially in communities with historically lower vaccination rates

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Strategies for Improving Adult and Influenza Immunizations Through NAIIS Partner Engagement



COMMUNICATE (identify issues of concern and possible solutions)

Through in-person meetings, weekly webinars, email updates from partners, and task group meetings



COORDINATE (identify shared key principles and goals)

Opportunities to leverage all partners to respond to national questions about flu and adult vaccination



MOTIVATE (through showcasing/recognizing successful and innovative practices and programs)

NAIIS Immunization Excellence award winners' www.izsummitpartners.org/2024-immunization-excellence-awards/.



SHARE developed tools for modification and use by others

Tools developed by task groups to address identified needs for implementation

www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/.

Activities of NAIIS

- Convene adult and influenza immunization stakeholders
 - Typically one in-person meeting annually
 - · Working groups meet remotely as needed
 - Weekly webinars
- Facilitate identification of issues facing stakeholders and actions that may lead to improvements in uptake of ACIP recommended vaccines
- Develop tools to help address identified needs to improve vaccine implementation



NAIIS Meetings and Current Task Groups





- Weekly current topic updates on ZOOM
 - Emails sent weekly to NAIIS members
- Yearly in-person meetings
 - Working meeting provides current landscape, annual awards, and breakout groups to identify priorities for coming year
- Task Groups meet as needed
 - Billing, Coding, and Payment
 - Operationalizing Adult Immunizations and Respiratory Season Vaccination
 - Vaccine Confidence and Sustaining Community-Based Organizations

Standards for Adult Immunization Practice

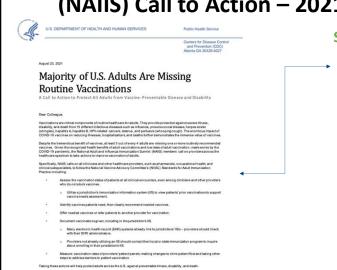
- Recognized update needed given low adult vaccine coverage
- Working group formed including state and local public health, professional societies, and others
- NAIIS working group draft shared with NVAC which revised and published as NVAC Standards for Adult Immunization Practices in 2014
- NAIIS member organizations promoted to their memberships and signed on as supporting organizations

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations from the National Vaccine Advisory Committee: Standards for Adult Immunization Practice

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National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) Call to Action – 2021



Standards for Adult Immunization Practice

- Assess the vaccination status of patients at all clinical encounters
- **Identify** vaccines patients need, then clearly **recommend** needed vaccines.
- Offer needed vaccines or refer patients to another provider for vaccination.
- Document vaccinations given.
- Measure vaccination rates of providers' patient panels.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/adults/for-practice/increasing-vacc-rates.html https://www.izsummitpartners.org/call-to-action-adult-immunizations/.

Practices for safety conducting off-site vaccination clinics

- Concern raised by some NAIIS members regarding temporary nonclinic workplace vaccination clinics and need for detailed guidance
- Resulted in checklist for such clinics, cleared by CDC in ~2016, with input from NAIIS Influenza Working Group
- This guidance became key tool for planning off-site, safe COVID-19 vaccination clinics



Ten Principles for Holding Safe Vaccination Clinics at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations

During All Stages (Pre-Clinic, During the Clinic, and Post-Clinic)

 Keep vaccines at the correct temperature at all times using proper procedures for vaccine transport, handling and storage. Document temperature monitoring at appropriate intervals during all stages. For further guidance: www.dc.gov/vaccines/pg/admin/storage/toolkiv/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

Respiratory Illnesses During Cold and Flu Season

about the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit "Checklist of Best Practices for Vaccination Clinics Held at Satellite Temporary, or Off-site Locations" and Pledge for Implementing the Checklist

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Operationalizing and Implementing Respiratory Season Vaccination

- NAIIS discussions identified challenges adding RSV and COVID-19 vaccinations into provider routines in fall
- Developed tools to help with implementation, updated for 2024-25
- Key points (talking points) for providers when discussing respiratory season vaccines
 Talking with Adults about Vaccines to Prevent

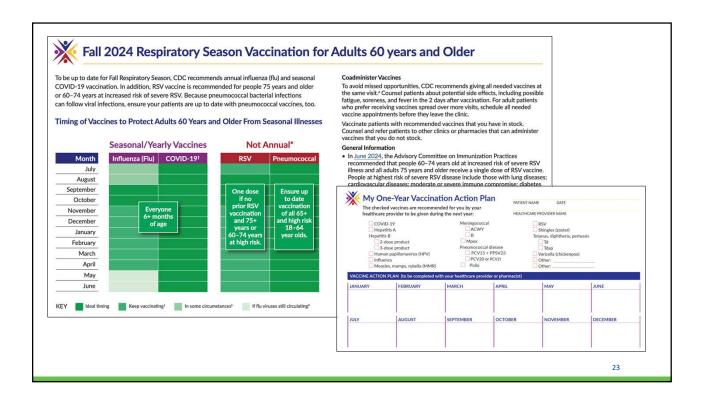
Get Adults' Vaccinations Back on Track

Tip sheet for providers on new CDC adult vaccine recommendations and tools to help adults catch up on needed vaccinations



At least 3 out of every 4 adults are missing one or more vaccines like tetanus (Td/Tdap), pneumococcal, shingles, and HPV vaccines. In addition, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine was new in 2023, and pneumococcal, flu, and COVID-19 vaccine recommendations continue to evolve.

www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/operationalizing-adult-immunization-taskgroup/.





Provider Billing and Payment Resources

Multiple Resources To Assist Providers with Billing and Coding

- Strategies to Address Policy Barriers to Adult Immunizations in Federally
 Qualified Health Centers Outlines policy barriers and strategies that
 specifically impact Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in their
 efforts to increase adult immunizations, and updates the 2019 publication
- Adult Current Procedural Terminology: Coding Case Scenarios
- NAIIS Billing and Coding of Vaccines in the Pharmacy
- Top Questions for Medical Benefit Coding and Billing for Vaccines: Avoiding Common Errors
- Insurance Coverage of Adult Immunizations

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Billing and Payment Task Group

- In August 2024, identified a number of updates needed to existing documents
 - Updates made in January 2025, including hepatitis B vaccination now included fully in Medicare Part B.
- Developed pilot project for collecting reports of vaccine payment issues
 - Key issue identified is delay by payers in covering newly added vaccines, newly approved vaccine brands, and new indications for existing vaccines
 - Medicaid and Medicaid Advantage Care plans most often cited
 - Providers and other partners may report issues from main NAIIS page.

Report Vaccine Payment Challenges

The NAIIS seeks to better understand providers' vaccine billing challenges. Click below for more information about reporting challenges.

More Information

Vaccine Confidence and Sustaining Community Based Organizations

- Document highlighting importance of community-based organizations (CBO's) in improving vaccine confidence and equity
- Developing document to establish the evidence-base for what works to increase vaccine equity based on published efforts
 - Lead organizations is Brown University



https://www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/sustaining-cmty-based-organizations-taskgroup/

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Getting the Most Out of NAIIS May 2025 Meeting

- Get inspired!
- Please ask questions
- Participate actively in the breakout groups
- Meet other groups that may support your efforts or collaborate
- Provide post-meeting feedback
- Get involved in a priority activity to be determined based on discussions at this meeting and task groups

How can you participate and stay up-to-date on NAIIS activities after the meeting?

- Join the NAIIS at www.izsummitpartners.org
- Weekly update webinars at 3 PM ET
 - Archived at www.izsummitpartners.org/weekly-update/.
- Special co-sponsored webinars, e.g.,
 - American College of Physicians (ACP) on mRNA vaccines
 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on Maternal Vaccination
 - Dr. Goldman from ACP on Implementing Vaccinations in Internal Medicine Primary Care Practices
- Participate in task groups
- Provide partner updates regarding webinars and resources for dissemination to NAIIS



Immunize.org Resources

- <u>Standing orders</u> templates for all vaccines
- Vaccine Information Statements in multiple languages
- Ask the Experts questions and answers for challenging clinical situations
- Tools to <u>administer vaccines</u>, including giving multiple vaccines per visit and managing vaccination-related <u>anxiety</u>
- Links to FDA package inserts
- MORE!!



Keeping NAIIS organizations informed and developing tools **ADULT VACCINE MESSAGING Using Immunization Using Immunization Information Systems** Information Systems (IMMUNIZATION REGISTRIES Get Adults' Vaccinations Back on Track Adult and Influenza Tip sheet for providers on new CDC adult vaccine recommendations and tools to help adults catch up on needed vaccinations At least 3 out of every 4 adults are behind on routine vaccines like influenza (flu), tetanus (Td/Tdap), hepatitis A, and HPV. In addition, COVID-19 vaccine recommendations continue to evolve, and new changes were made to hepatitis B, shingles, pneumococcal, and flu vaccine recommendations since 2021. Hepatitis B Everyone 19-59 years. ≥60 years who want vaccination or have high-risk indication. 2- or 3-dose series depending on brand Zoster (shingles) Everyone ≥50 years. ≥19 years immunocompromised. Everyone ≥65 years. ≥19 years immunocompromised or high-risk medical condition. Vaxneuvance(PCV15), Prevnar20 (PCV20), Pneumovax 23 (PPSV23) Either PCV15 then PPSV23 one year later or one dose PCV20 Pneumococcal The Benefits for Clinicians ≥65 years: give flu vaccines preferred by CDC for this age group. If not available, give any age-appropriate flu vaccine. for Pharmacists Preferred flu vaccines for adults ≥65 years Fluad (adjuvanted), Annual vaccination and their and their **Adult Patients Adult Patients**

Examples of priority issues identified during November 2022 NAIIS in-person meeting

- Continue to support work of community organizations beyond the pandemic and to improve confidence and interest in adult vaccinations
- Encouraging use of maternal and adult composite quality measures
- Continue reporting of adult vaccinations to immunization information systems as a key information needed for vaccine needs assessment and adult vaccination catch-up
- Supporting providers in incorporating new vaccines as the adult vaccine schedule expands