

Summit Adult Vaccination Recommendations Review (SAVRR) Council

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the anticipated scope of work for the Summit Adult Vaccination Recommendations Review (SAVRR) Council?

The SAVRR Council has two primary objectives:

A. Provide stakeholder input on vaccination recommendations.

- Serve as a forum for designated stakeholder organization representatives to review and discuss draft or final vaccination recommendations from professional medical societies and the ACIP.
- Offer feedback either during the recommendation development process or following publication, with a focus on practical implementation and operational issues from the stakeholder perspective.

B. Support effective clinical implementation of evidence-based vaccine recommendations.

- Summarize and clarify any differences among recommendations issued by professional medical societies and ACIP.
- Identify and characterize clinical guidance challenges for specific patient populations and vaccination settings.
- Propose and, when feasible, assist with implementation of solutions by Summit member organizations or National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) working groups.
- Increase awareness and implementation of evidence-based vaccination recommendations, whether from ACIP or professional societies, leveraging NAIIS and Summit communication channels (e.g., website, email, webinars).

The SAVRR Council is intended to primarily focus on influenza vaccination across the lifespan and adult vaccination recommendations.

2. How will SAVRR Council discussions and recommendations be made public?

- All SAVRR Council meetings will be recorded. These recordings will be used to produce written meeting summaries. Summaries will be shared with all SAVRR Council members

and observers, in addition to the professional medical societies whose recommendations are reviewed. Summaries may be shared with others upon request.

- Recommendations of the Council regarding the implementation of influenza and adult vaccination guidance from professional organizations and the ACIP will be posted on the Summit website.
 - Summaries of the deliberations that informed the Council's recommendations concerning implementation may be shared to provide context.
 - The Summit will disseminate SAVRR Council recommendations through its usual communication channels, which may include presentations at Summit weekly meetings.
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3. Will the SAVRR Council develop its own consensus vaccination recommendations?

No. The SAVRR Council will **not** issue independent or consensus vaccination recommendations. Its role is to:

- Clarify and support effective implementation of evidence-based vaccination recommendations developed by professional medical societies and the ACIP.
 - Provide feedback to encourage development of harmonized recommendations framed in ways that support clinical practice and appropriate payment for immunization services.
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4. Can the SAVRR Council review draft recommendations before they are made public?

Yes. Professional medical organizations developing vaccination recommendations are invited to:

- Present draft recommendations to the SAVRR Council for review and feedback.
 - Use the Council as a forum for input from a wide range of organizations with important perspectives on immunization practice that are not otherwise involved in the guideline development process, to strengthen the clarity, feasibility, and implementation of the final recommendations.
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5. Which SAVRR Council members will serve as observers only?

Once the Council is established:

- A list of participating organizations will be made publicly available.

- This list will distinguish:
 - **Observing organizations:** Organizations that did not nominate a voting member but are observing Council processes.
 - **Voting member organizations:** Organizations that have nominated representatives who actively participate in discussions and votes.
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6. What types of issues might the SAVRR Council vote on?

The SAVRR Council will not vote to create new vaccination recommendations. It may vote on the following types of issues:

- Vote on whether to use the Summit communications channels to support or encourage a recommendation. If a recommendation were to involve substantial implementation obstacles for vaccinators or patients, or if it were not justified by scientific evidence, the SAVRR Council could vote to not support or promote the recommendation.
 - Vote to recommend clarification of perceived misalignment between recommendations from different professional medical organizations.
 - For example, if there are conflicts in guidance related to a dosing schedule, the Council may review the existing recommendations and vote to provide implementation-focused clarification to assist vaccinators.
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7. What is the length of appointment for SAVRR Council members?

- Standard appointments are **one-year terms**, with the option to renew annually.
 - In select cases, individuals may be asked to serve a **two-year term** to promote continuity within the Council.
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8. How often will the SAVRR Council meet?

- The Council is expected to meet at least **monthly**. Meeting length may be 1-2 hours, depending upon the agenda. Content of the meetings will include presentations by professional medical societies on their recommendations, or other informational presentations, and discussion of operational and implementation issues.

- Additional meetings may be scheduled when timely review of recommendations or implementation issues is needed.
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9. Who is responsible for developing the SAVRR Council meeting agendas?

- Staff supported by Immunize.org with non-industry funding will collaborate with the elected **Chair** and **Co-Chair** of the SAVRR Council to develop meeting agendas.
 - Agendas and relevant materials will typically be distributed to Council members at least one week prior to each meeting.
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10. Can the staff of an eligible stakeholder organization be nominated to serve on the SAVRR Council?

Yes.

- Each organization may nominate the individual they believe is best suited to contribute to the Council's work on implementing U.S. vaccination recommendations in the current immunization landscape. Individuals must be screened and documented by the nominating organization as free of significant conflicts of interest before participating. Conflict of interest documentation will be kept on file.
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11. May additional staff support the organizational nominee on Council calls?

- Only **one designated representative** per organization will participate in SAVRR Council deliberations and votes.
 - To support effective communication within organizations, and with prior approval from the SAVRR Chair(s) and Summit leadership, **one additional staff member** may be allowed to observe Council meetings in support of the representative.
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12. How is the SAVRR Council funded?

- To avoid any conflict of interest related to funding sources, the work of the SAVRR Council will be supported by funds that do not come from vaccine manufacturers, trade organizations, or other organizations with a vested interest in the outcome of deliberations. The work of the Council is being initiated with seed funding from an anonymous private foundation donor.

13. Will vaccine manufacturers or trade organizations participate in the SAVRR Council?

No.

- In order to avoid conflicts of interest affecting the deliberations of the Council, vaccine manufacturers and trade organizations will **not** serve as observers or members of the Council.
- If specific product information or data are needed to inform the SAVRR Council about the implementation of recommendations, the relevant manufacturer may be invited by the Council to present to them for informational purposes only.

14. How will participating Council members be screened for conflicts of interest?

- Organizations should first complete their internal conflict screening process.
- The SAVRR Council is using the publicly available WHO Declaration of Interest form used by immunization policy advisors to the World Health Organization to collect information. If interests are declared, staff will make a final decision on participation and has the option to impose limitations on participation in discussions of topics where a conflict of interest exists for the member.