IAC’s Honor Roll for Patient Safety

Honoring Healthcare Institutions with Stellar Influenza Vaccination Policies

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- Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) is a national nonprofit immunization education organization located in Saint Paul, Minnesota, in existence for 20 years with a staff of 16.
- Largest nonprofit organization that works exclusively on immunization education and advocacy.
- IAC creates and distributes immunization education materials for healthcare professionals and the public.
- IAC facilitates communication about vaccines within the broad immunization community.
- IAC counters detrimental anti-vaccine legislation on a state-by-state basis as needs arise.

Major activities of IAC

- Publications: Needle Tips, Vaccinate Adults, IAC Express
  - www.immunize.org/subscribe
- Website: www.immunize.org
  - Influenza vaccines VISs in 50 languages last year
  - >250 ready-to-copy immunization education materials for patients and staff (e.g., standing orders, screening questionnaires)
- Summit website: www.preventinfluenza.org
Why Establish an Honor Roll for Patient Safety?

- During 2009, increasing numbers of newspaper accounts of hospitals, healthcare systems, and states mandating HCW influenza vaccination to protect their patients
- Involved strong measures for patient protection going further than signing a declination form, e.g., masking requirements, employee dismissal or reassignment
- Gives special recognition to those healthcare institutions that enforce strong policies to protect their patients from influenza
- Serves as a growing repository of model mandates that can be adapted by other institutions seeking to improve patient safety through influenza vaccination

www.immunize.org/honor-roll
Criteria for Inclusion

• Organization’s mandate must require influenza vaccination for all personnel who are in the vicinity of a patient*
  – Includes all healthcare workers, students, volunteers, and janitorial, clerical, and laboratory staff, as well as physicians with visiting privileges
• Applicants must complete a brief online form that describes their institution’s influenza vaccination requirements
• There must be a serious workplace consequence for influenza vaccine refusal

Criteria for inclusion -2

• Honorees include healthcare systems and hospitals, medical practices, professional organizations, government entities.
• To date, 54 healthcare settings from 21 states qualified for inclusion on the Honor Roll.
Requirements for refusers

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IDSA Policy Statement on Influenza Vaccination of HCWs

- Infectious Diseases Society of America supports universal immunization of healthcare workers against seasonal and 2009 H1N1 influenza through mandatory vaccination programs. *Employees who cannot be vaccinated due to medical contraindications or because of vaccine supply shortages or who decline for religious reasons should be required to wear masks or be re-assigned away from direct patient care.*

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www.idsociety.org/redirector.aspx?id=15413
Honorees

Altru Health • Battle Creek Health System • BJC HealthCare • Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo
Capital Region Medical Center • Children’s Hospital of Orange County • Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters Health System • Cook County Health & Hospitals System
Creighton University • Davidson HealthCare • Emory Healthcare • Genesis HealthCare System
Hoag Hospital • Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) • Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Infectious Diseases Society of America • Johns Hopkins Health System • Kewanee Hospital
Lakeview Medical Center • Long Beach Memorial Medical Center • Loyola University Health System
MedStar Health • Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies
Miller Children’s Hospital • Moses Cone Health System • New York-Presbyterian Hospital
Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center • Pacific Hospital of Long Beach • Petaluma Valley Hospital
Saddleback Memorial Medical Center • Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital • Spectrum Health Hospitals • St. Joseph Health System
St. Jude Medical Center • Swedish Medical Center
TriHealth, Good Samaritan and Bethesda North Hospitals • U.S. Department of Defense
University of California-Davis Health System • University of California-Irvine Healthcare
Virginia Mason Medical Center • Waverly Health

To view the complete list of honorees, which includes medical practices, go to www.immunize.org/honor-roll.

Next steps . . .

• Subscribe to IAC Express so that you will receive announcements about new organizations that have been added. www.immunize.org/subscribe

• Tell healthcare organizations with mandatory influenza vaccination policies to apply for the Honor Roll for Patient Safety www.immunize.org/honor-roll

• Tell IAC about organizations with mandatory vaccination policies – maryq@immunize.org

• Implement a program in your healthcare setting by reading descriptions and contacting those already on the Honor Roll for guidance

• Grow this Honor Roll list together in 2010 and beyond with the goal of doing all we can to best protect patients from influenza transmission in healthcare settings.
## Resources and Tools

www.preventinfluenza.org, National Influenza Vaccine Summit  
Best practices, toolkits, and position statements

www.preventinfluenza.org: Vaccination Recommendations  
Official ACIP and HICPAC recommendations

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Pocket Information Guide  
[http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides](http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides)  
Laminated pocket guides for front-line healthcare personnel

Screening Questionnaire for Injectable Influenza Vaccine  

Screening Questionnaire for Intranasal Influenza Vaccine  

## More Resources and Tools

Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Children and Adolescents  

Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Adults  

Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)  
[http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf)

Live, Intranasal Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)  

Vaccine Information Statements in more than 40 languages  
[http://www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis)
More Resources and Tools

Print Materials about Influenza and Influenza Vaccination for Patients/Staff
http://www.immunize.org/printmaterials/dis_inf.asp

Immunization Topics: Healthcare Personnel
http://www.immunize.org/hcw

Diseases and Vaccines: Influenza
http://www.immunize.org/influenza

Journal Articles: Influenza
http://www.immunize.org/journalarticles/journal_flu.asp

Further Reading

- Interim Results: Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent and Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health-Care Personnel --- United States, August 2009—January 2010. MMWR, April 2, 2010; 59(12):357-62; http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5912a1.htm
- Perspective: Mandatory Vaccination of Health Care Workers by Alexandra M. Stewart; New England Journal of Medicine, published online November 4, 2009; http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/NEJMoa0910151