



# National Influenza Vaccine Summit

## *Influenza Activity Spotlights*

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### Professional Medical Organizations

Please disseminate widely to all of your members.

1. CDC published updated influenza mortality data in [MMWR](#) on August 27, 2010. The report summarizes an analysis of influenza-related deaths from respiratory and circulatory causes from 1976 through 2007. The analysis found a range of 3,349 deaths in 1986-87 to 48,614 in 2003-04. CDC subsequently developed [key points](#) summarizing and framing the *MMWR* article. A transcript of a press briefing can also be found [here](#).
2. On September 15, the CDC and nine other medical organizations issued a [joint letter](#) to all physicians and healthcare providers to urge influenza vaccination of their pregnant and postpartum patients.
3. The Summit's Influenza Vaccine Availability Tracking System (IVATS) is operational and updated weekly. Summit members can access the spreadsheet by going to [www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats](http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats)
4. Orders are being taken for the Summit's influenza and pneumococcal vaccine pocket guides. Please go to the Summit's webpage at [www.preventinfluenza.org/nivs.asp](http://www.preventinfluenza.org/nivs.asp) and place your order by going to the link (image of the influenza pocket guide) in the left-hand bar; or go directly to [www.immunize.org/pocketguides](http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides).