



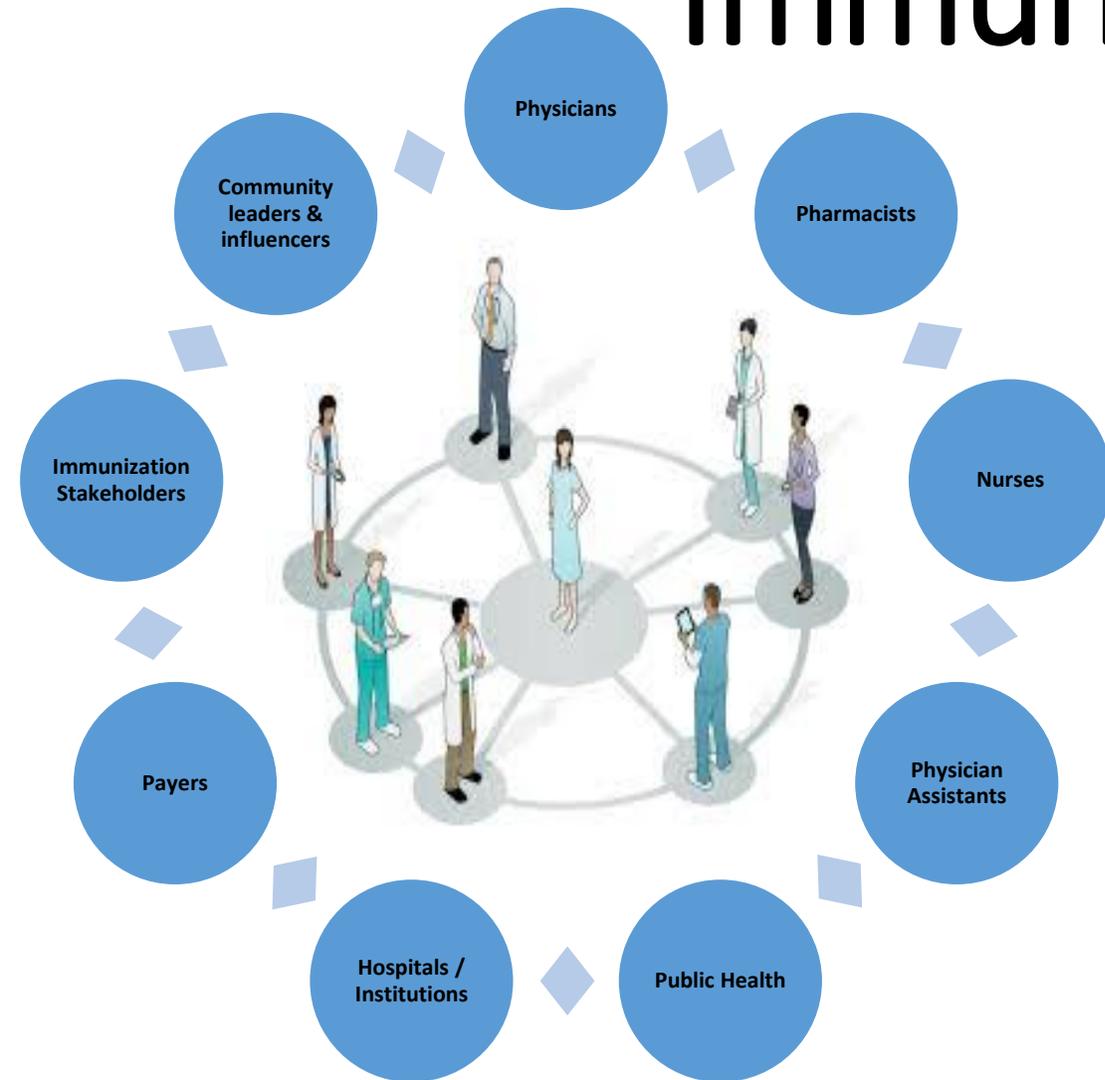
# Pharmacists' Role Within The Immunization Neighborhood

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- Mitchel Rothholz declares that his wife is an employee of Merck and that he is an employee of the American Pharmacists Association.

# Immunization Neighborhood



## Immunization Neighborhood

**C**ollaboration, **C**oordination, and **C**ommunication among immunization stakeholders dedicated to meeting the immunization needs of the patient and protecting the community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

*Coined by APhA in 2012*



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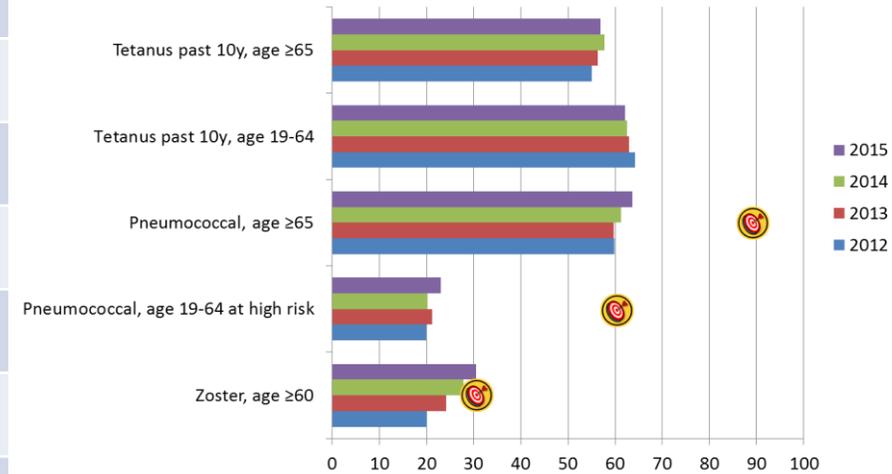
- **Patient and community centric**
- An entire community can invest in **assessing, administering, and/or referring** patients to receive appropriate vaccines.
- Supports the **sharing and exchanging** of immunization **data**



# Healthy People 2020 Coverage and Goals

Vaccine	Age Stratification	Coverage Rate*	HP 2020 Goal**
Influenza	≥65 years	66.7%	70%
Influenza	≥18 years	43.6%	70%
Tdap	≥65 years	61.3%	90%
Tdap	≥19 years	20.1%	Not Set
Hepatitis A	≥19 years	9%	Not Set
Hepatitis B	≥19 years	24.5%	Not Set
Herpes Zoster	≥60 years	27.9%	30%
HPV	Females 19-26 years	40.2%	80%
HPV	Males 19-26 years	8.2%	80%

Adult Immunization Coverage Rates, National Health Interview Surveys, 2012–2015



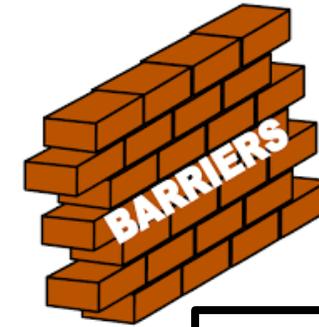
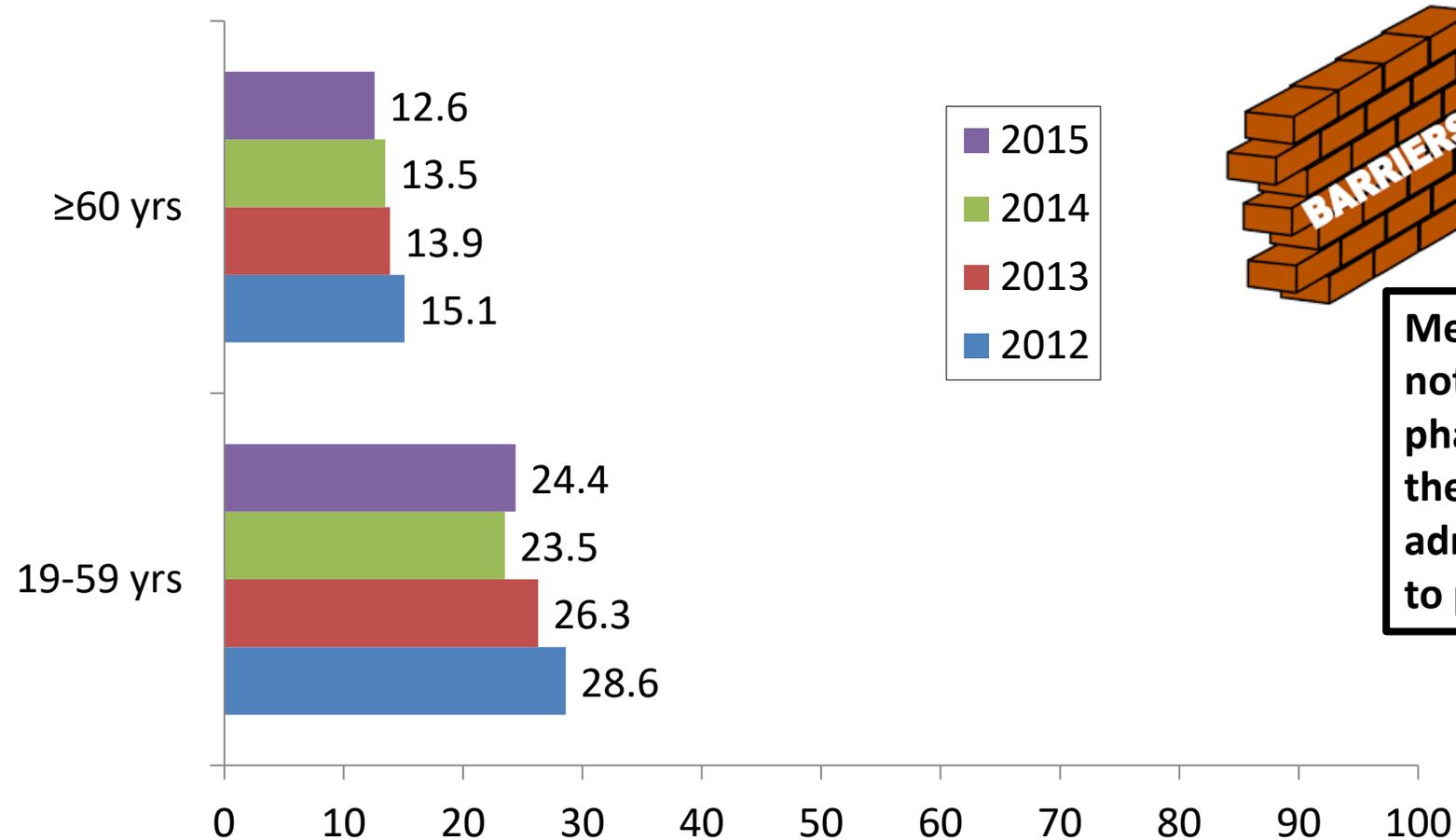
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\*Source: MMWR Surveill Summ 2016;65(No. SS-1):1–36. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss6501a1>

\*\*Healthy People 2020 Goals (presented where set by the United States Public Health Service)

# Adults with Diabetes Who Received $\geq 3$ doses Hepatitis B Vaccine by Age, National Health Interview Surveys, 2012–2015



**Medicare Part B does not recognize pharmacists as one of the providers who can administer Hep B vaccine to patients with Diabetes**

- January 2018: Canadian study shows a six-fold increase in heart attacks shortly after people get the flu
- Acute respiratory illness or influenza-like illness increases acute MI risk 2x; 5x is those with history of MI
- Influenza vaccination effectiveness: Meta-analyses<sup>1-2</sup>
  - ▶ 29% (95%CI 9,44) against acute MI in persons with existing CVD
  - ▶ 36% (95%CI 14,53) against major cardiac events with existing CVD
- Vaccine effectiveness 29% in acute MI prevention
  - ▶ “On par or better than accepted preventive measures [as] statins (36%), anti-hypertensives (15–18%), and smoking cessation (26%)”
  - ▶ Influenza vaccination recommended as secondary prevention by American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association

# Example: Impact of influenza on pregnant women<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Up to 4X increased risk of hospitalization, especially in third trimester, and for those with co-morbid conditions\*
- ▶ Up to 8X increased risk for influenza-associated complications, including death, particularly for those with co-morbid conditions\*\*
- ▶ Increased risk for influenza-associated complications among postpartum women
- ▶ Risk highest during the first postpartum week

\* Chronic cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic renal disease, malignancies, and immunosuppressive disorders

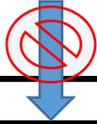
\*\* Preexisting diabetes mellitus, pulmonary disease that included asthma, heart disease, renal disease, and anemia

1. Rasmussen, S.A., et al. 2012. American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology; 207(3): S3 - S8.

# Addressing our Nation's Opioid Crisis...



It is estimated that approximately **1 in 3** people will develop Herpes Zoster (HZ, Shingles) during their lifetime, resulting in an estimated 1 million episodes in the United States annually.<sup>2</sup>



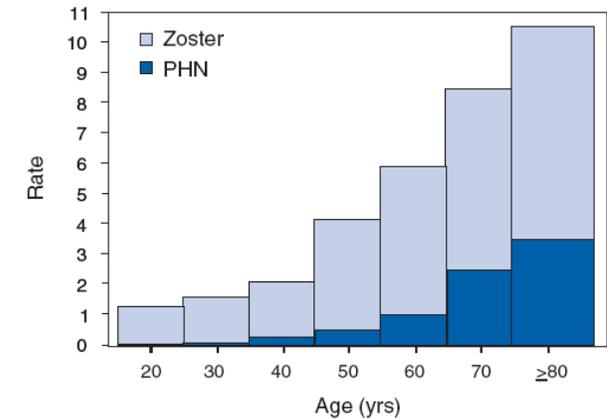
The **risk for Post Herpetic Neuralgia in patients with zoster is 10%--18%**. Postherpetic neuralgia is a debilitating complication of HZ. The risk of PHN after HZ increases with age.<sup>3</sup>

**Zoster vaccine** reduces the risk of developing Shingles and PHN<sup>1</sup>

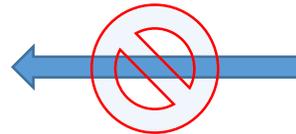


Consider **Zoster Vaccination** as one of the tools to reducing the need for opioid medication...

FIGURE 3. Rate\* of zoster and postherpetic neuralgia (PHN)<sup>†</sup>, by age — United States



\*Per 1,000 person-years.  
†Defined as ≥30 days of pain.



**Opioids** are a part of the armament practitioners utilize to manage PHN pain.<sup>1</sup>

1. MMWR, June 2008, <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5705a1.htm>

2. Harpaz R., Ortega-Sanchez IR, Seward JF. Prevention of herpes zoster: recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [published correction appears in *MMWR Recomm Rep*. 2008;57(28): 779] *MMWR Recomm Rep*. 2008;57(RR-5):1-30 [\[PubMed\]](#)

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## – Vaccine Abandonment

- **Study Highlights Coverage Policy Impact on Zoster Vaccine Abandonment**
- Impact of patient out of pocket expense (co-pays) on patient abandonment of receiving zoster vaccination.
- Overall abandonment rate was 38.9%.
  - Patient out-of-pocket cost (OOP) remained the most significant predictor of abandonment,
    - Patients with OOP in the \$15-\$34 range (1.6 time higher) compared with those with OOP ≤\$14.99, and at 5.53 times higher for those with OOP in the \$105-\$174.99 range.
    - The study supports the value of recognizing pharmacists as in-network providers and modifying coverage policy regarding patient out of pocket expense.
- To access the study go to:  
[http://www.ajpb.com/journals/ajpb/2016/ajpb\\_julyaugust2016/factors-associated-with-zostavax-abandonment?p=1](http://www.ajpb.com/journals/ajpb/2016/ajpb_julyaugust2016/factors-associated-with-zostavax-abandonment?p=1) American Journal of Pharmacy Benefits, August 2016 (**2016;8(4):-e0**)

# 2017-18 Influenza Season

- **Breaking records in cases of influenza and deaths**
  - **Pharmacists are playing active role in administering vaccines, patient evaluation / guidance, and providing anti-viral medication**
- **2017–2018 Recommendation:** ACIP recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older, including pregnant women, with an injectable influenza vaccine. The recommendation not to use live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) extended for the 2017–2018 season.
- **When to Vaccinate.** CDC recommends vaccination by the end of October; however, try to avoid missed opportunities with patients whom you might see before then and continue to vaccinate your patients throughout the influenza season.
- **Safe Vaccine Administration.** Proper administration is key to ensuring safe vaccination. Help prevent one vaccine administration error—bursitis of the shoulder—generally caused when vaccines are injected high on the shoulder and the needle enters a shoulder bursa. CDC video: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html>.
- **Vaccine Supply.** Manufacturers plan to produce approximately 151–166 million doses of influenza vaccine for the 2017–2018 flu season. Based on these projections, the supply of injectable flu vaccine should be sufficient.



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# Current Adult Immunization Environment

- Adults access medical care at multiple entry points
- There are many types of immunization providers and sites. (including, but not limited to, physicians – generalists and specialists, **pharmacists**, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, retail stores and clinics, community immunizers, worksites, public health departments, hospitals, travel clinics)
- **Many more adults have become aware of annual influenza vaccination, but fewer are aware of other recommended adult vaccines**



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# Current Adult Immunization Environment

- Many missed opportunities occur to assess patient vaccination needs
  - Patients open to vaccination when recommended by their provider.
- Differences in vaccines covered by **Medicare B versus D** creates challenges for some providers, but not others
- Vaccine providers are paid different rates by different payers. Not all providers vaccinate. Pay can differ based on in-network status
- Confusion regarding Affordable Care Act coverage



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# Current Adult Immunization Environment

- There is no federal “Vaccines for Adults” program
- Manufacturers offer Patient Assistance Programs
- Challenges remain with adult immunization documentation among providers
  - Immunization registries and EHRs vary across states and provider networks, respectively
- MACRA/MIPS provide opportunities to improve documentation and communication about vaccination among different providers
- All this is happening in the context of, and in support of, the NVAC recommendations to improve adult immunization



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# Fundamental Paradigm Shift in Adult IZ

- Adult immunization standards should be applied to all providers of care to adults, those who do and do not vaccinate
- New standards recognize the importance of the healthcare provider recommendation for patients to receive needed vaccines
- Highlights the current low vaccination rates among U.S. adults
- Reflects the changed environment within which adult vaccines are now given



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# Fundamental Paradigm Shift in Adult IZ

ALL providers of health care to adults are to:

1. ASSESS patient's status for all recommended vaccines at each clinical encounter;
2. Educate and counsel the patient on the recommended vaccines and strongly RECOMMEND needed vaccines; and,
3. VACCINATE at the same visit, OR for providers that do not stock the recommended vaccine, REFER the patient to a vaccinating provider.
4. DOCUMENT the receipt of vaccine by the patient



Even if you don't  
vaccinate, you still  
need to  
recommend  
vaccines to your  
patients

# Challenge: Professionals and Patient Understanding.

Patient Survey: Are any of the following vaccines recommended for you as an adult?

	Yes (%)	No (%)	Don't Know (%)
Influenza	71.8	15.1	13.0
Hepatitis A	14.3	42.4	43.3
Hepatitis B	20.1	39.9	40.0
Pneumococcal	26.4	34.9	38.7
Tdap	11.9	39.0	49.0

FallStyles (September-October, 2012).

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-feb-2013/03-Adult-Sheedy.pdf>

- ▶ **Assessing, Recommending, Administering, and/or Referring** patients to receive appropriate vaccines.
- ▶ Supports the **sharing and exchanging** of immunization **data** among providers
  - ▶ can be focused on populations (pediatric, adolescent and adult), and/or
  - ▶ preventable diseases (HPV, pertussis, etc.) to meet the needs of patients and the communities served
- ▶ All providers, caregivers and community advocates **have a role** with everyone focused on meeting the needs of the patient.
  - ▶ **Advocate, Facilitate, Immunize**
- ▶ Patient **education, comfort level, trusted providers, and timely access** all can influence vaccine uptake and are areas that stakeholders can impact.

PROVIDER SELF-ASSESSMENT OF STRENGTH OF IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Practice:	No or rarely	To some extent	Somewhat consistently	Consistently	Not applicable
<b>Practice-site Focused</b>					
Educational information / tools on immunizations provided to patients in waiting areas and other means of patient communications					
Provide immunization education tools / surveys at check-in for patients to review/complete while waiting					
Have immunization education messages in areas where the vaccine is administered (posters, brochures, video, etc.)					
Provide immunization messages thru electronic patient portals and/or appointment reminders					
Provide patient access to the immunization records					
<b>Patient-Practitioner Interaction</b>					
You and your staff clearly convey your strong vaccine recommendation ("I recommend you receive vaccine X because..." or "Vaccine X is recommended for you because..." vs saying "Vaccine X is an option if you want it.")					
SHARE the tailored reasons why the recommended vaccine is right for the patient given his or her age, health status, lifestyle, occupation, or other risk factors					
HIGHLIGHT positive experiences with vaccines (personal or in your practice), as appropriate, to reinforce the benefits and strengthen confidence in vaccination.					
Share your own immunization status with the patient (show how you walk the walk)					
ADDRESS patient questions and any concerns about the vaccine, including side effects, safety, and vaccine effectiveness in plain and understandable language					
REMIND patients that vaccines protect them and their loved ones from many common and serious diseases					

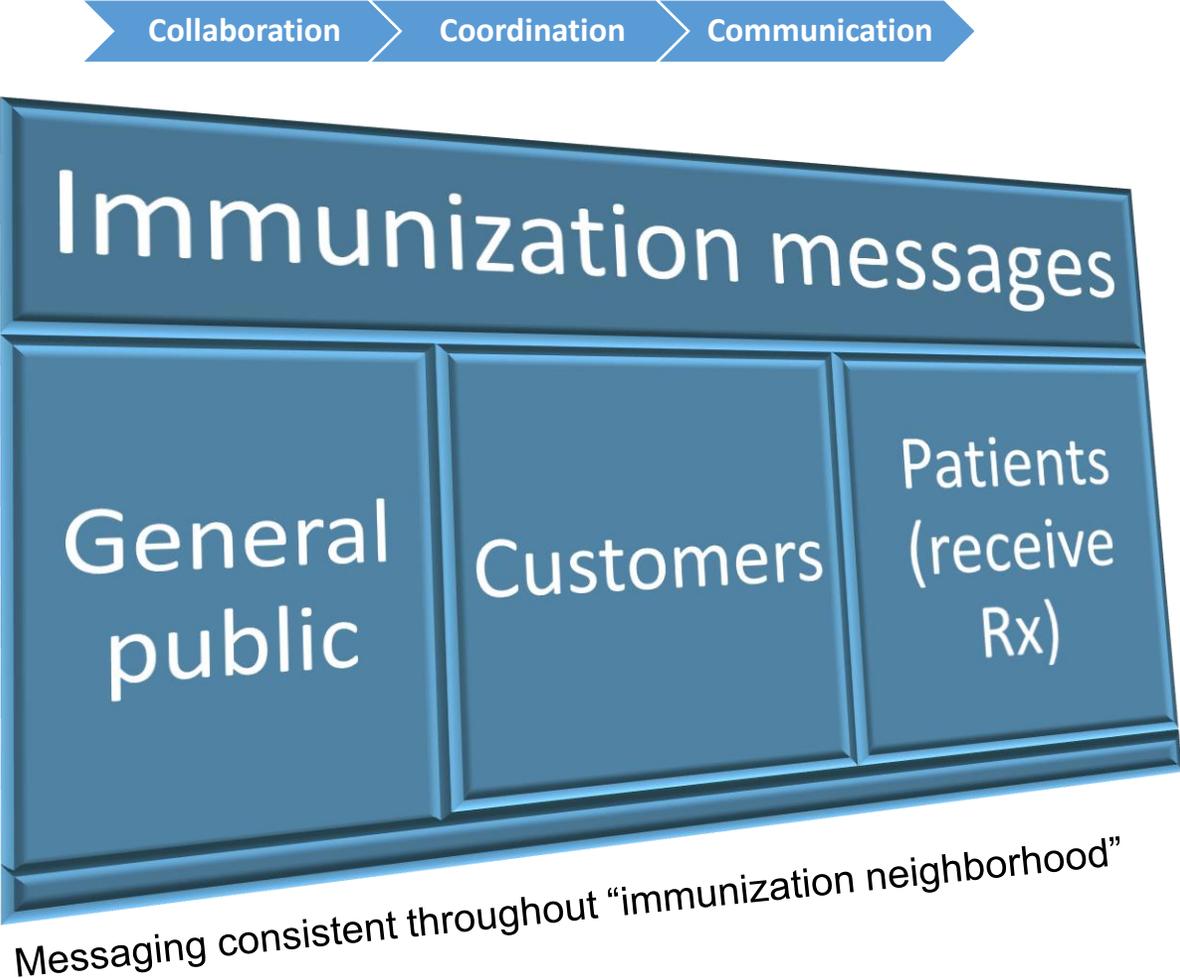
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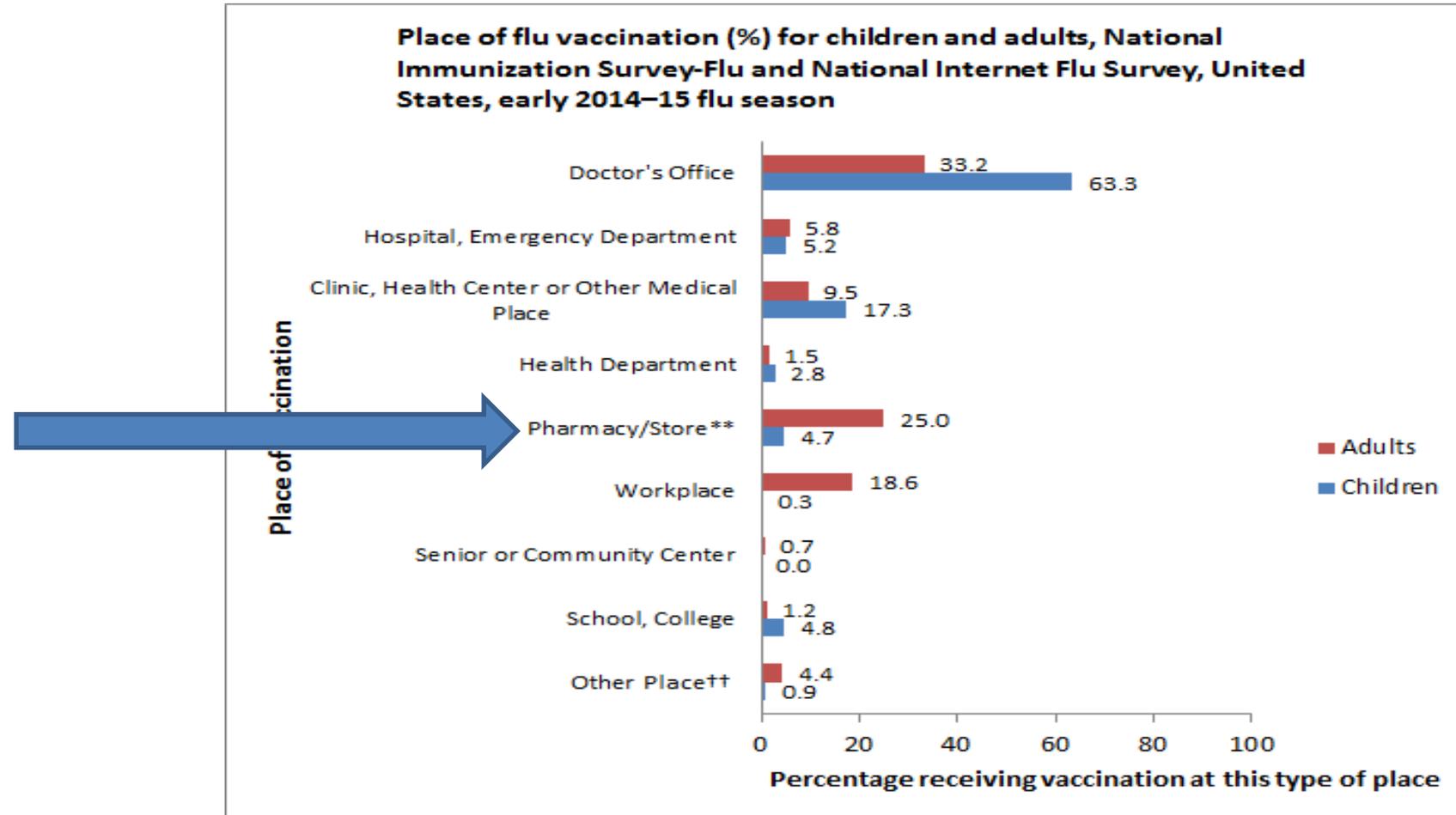
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EXPLAIN the potential costs of getting the disease, including serious health effects, time lost (such as missing work or family obligations), and financial costs.					
Utilize open-ended questions to assess the patient's understanding of the information provided and/or identify beliefs / concerns					
Offer to administer the vaccine at the visit in which you make the recommendation.					
If you don't stock the vaccine, ensure the patient has clear directions about which vaccine to get and where to get it.					
Encourage patients to carry immunization record cards/ access to electronic immunization records					
Immunization information and recommendation delivered in language and way patient can understand (language, culture, other)					
If referring patient to another provider to receive the vaccination you provide a referral order / communication to the patient and/or the provider and request to receive information back when the patient gets vaccinated.					
<b>Patient Action</b>					
Patients take action based on your recommendation (vaccinated by you or someone else)					
Frequency (count number of checked boxes in each column - Goal is to have a higher number in consistently column)					

Frequency (count number of checked boxes in each column - Goal is to have a higher number in consistently column (75%))

# Targeting Opportunities



# Place of flu vaccination among children and adults, early 2014-15 flu season, National Immunization Survey and National Internet Flu Survey

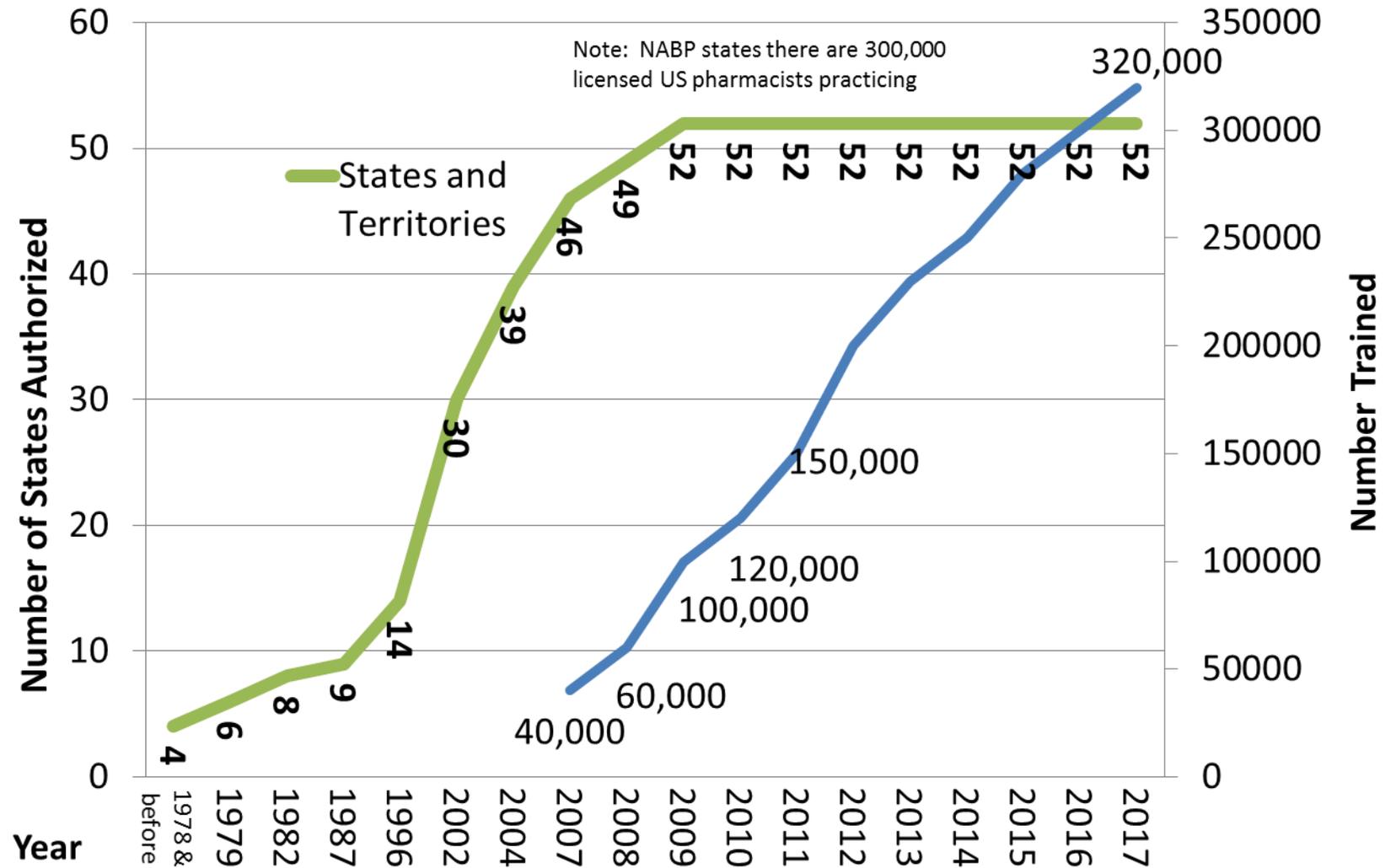
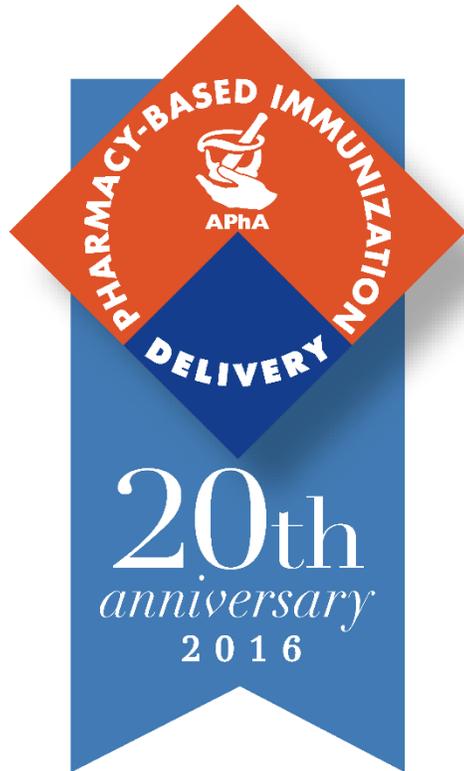


\*\* Pharmacy/Store includes pharmacy or drugstore and local supermarket or grocery store.  
†† Other place includes military-related place, other school such as trade school, home, and other unspecified non-medical place.  
Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/nifs-estimates-nov2014.htm>



- ▶ Developed certificate training program
  - ▶ Across the lifespan
  - ▶ Recognized pharmacist roles: educator, facilitator, administer of vaccines (1996 APhA HOD)
  - ▶ Guided by recognized standards, guidance and recommendations
    - ▶ Support pharmacist role on immunization team (2012: immunization neighborhood)
    - ▶ National faculty, Train-the-trainer model – **Licensing opportunities**
- ▶ Engrain importance of immunizations early in student pharmacist career
  - ▶ Carry with them into practice
- ▶ Not just a training program
  - ▶ Organization strategic commitment

# Number of States Authorizing Pharmacists to Administer Influenza Vaccine & Number of Pharmacists Trained to Administer Vaccines



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- Launched in 1997
- National competition (national winner, 8 regional winners)
- **More than 1 million individuals have been immunized**
- The 2015-2016 campaign had the following results:
  - 92 chapters participated / 11,487 student pharmacists participated
  - 1,035 faculty participated / 1,945 pharmacy practitioners participated
  - 111,277 patients immunized
  - 211,283 patients received Health & Wellness/Clinical Services
  - **3,253,576 patients reached through public relations initiatives**



- ▶ Nationally recognized 20-hour certificate training program and continuing education programs ([www.pharmacist.com/education](http://www.pharmacist.com/education))
  - ▶ high percentage of learners (43% ) self-reported a change in performance following the program; 79% indicated that the number of immunizations delivered in their practice has increased following the program. (1)
- ▶ Immunization education integrated into student pharmacist curricula
- ▶ APhA provides a biweekly immunizing pharmacist listserve and an e-community for immunizing pharmacists
- ▶ APhA provides a webinar after each ACIP meeting to update pharmacists on changes in recommendations
- ▶ Website, periodicals, publications

(1) *CE Meas.* 2010;4:4-9. doi:10.1532/CEM08.09115

- ▶ **Three components to the certificate training program:** ([www.pharmacist.com/education](http://www.pharmacist.com/education))
  - ▶ 12 hour (1.2 CEU) self-study modules with case studies and assessment exam
  - ▶ 8.0 hour (0.80 CEU) live seminar with final exam
  - ▶ Hands-on assessment of intramuscular and subcutaneous injection technique
  - ▶ CPR/BCLS certification, as well as OSHA training expected
  - ▶ Program updated as recommendations change; faculty expected to subscribe to APhA resources and maintain competency



Self Study	Live Program
Module 1. Pharmacists, Vaccines, and Public Health Module 2. Overview of Immunology and Vaccine Development Module 3. Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Module 4. Patient Care Considerations for Immunizing Pharmacists Module 5. Operating a Pharmacy-Based Immunization Program	The training seminar reinforces and expands on the self-study program and addresses areas such as immunization needs, legal and regulatory issues, and injection-technique training. Participants will be expected to practice giving intramuscular and subcutaneous injections on each other.



*Program available for licensing by international partners*

## ► Public Health

- Exploration of population health management strategies, national and community-based public health programs, and **implementation of activities that advance public health and wellness**, as well as provide an avenue through which students **earn certificates in immunization delivery** and other public health-focused skills.

### EXAMPLE Performance competencies:

- Participate in activities that promote health and wellness and the use of preventive care measures
- **Promote to patients the importance of health, wellness, disease prevention (e.g., immunizations, tobacco cessation), and management of their diseases and medication therapies to optimize outcomes**
- **Provide preventative health services (e.g., immunizations, tobacco cessation counseling)**
- Public Health: Promote to patients the importance of health, wellness, disease prevention, and management of their diseases and medication therapies to optimize outcomes

#### Clinical Application of Public Health Policy:

Discuss the pharmacist's role in education and intervention in public health initiatives applicable to pharmacy practice

**Collect, interpret, and make recommendations** based on the results of health and wellness screenings and diagnostic tests

Describe the role of a pharmacist in emergency management

#### Immunization:

- **Be trained to administer immunizations (preferably early in curriculum to allow for practice and utilization during the professional program)**
- **Describe the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), and state vaccine registries**

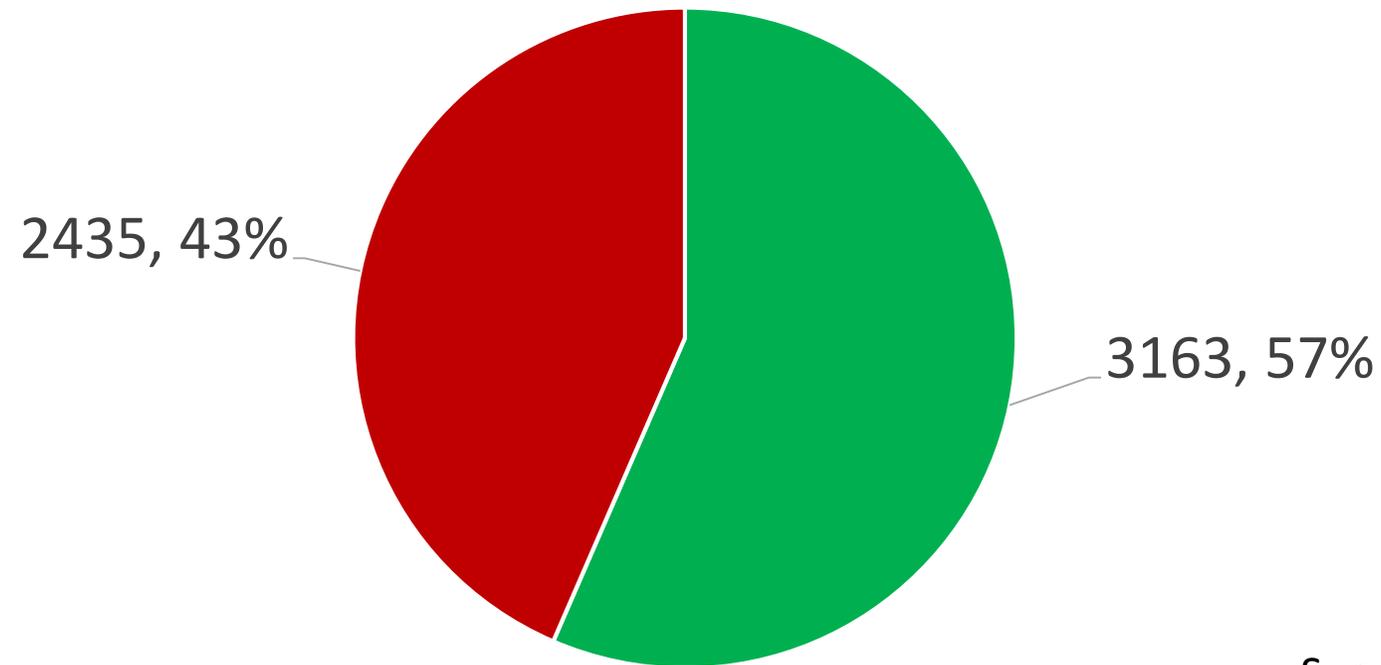
# Driver for Moving Beyond Traditional Flu Vaccination

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a CBS News article. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/flu-patch-as-effective-as-flu-st>. The article's main image is a close-up of a tan, oval-shaped flu vaccine patch with a grid of small white dots. The article title is "Flu vaccine patch seems as effective as flu shot" by Robert Preidt, dated June 28, 2017, at 9:14 AM. The article is categorized under "HEALTHDAY". To the right of the article, there are two video thumbnails from "CBS This Morning": "Who's to blame in Charlottesville?" and "Trump draws fire on Charlottesville". A "CBSN Watch Now >" button is also visible. Below the article, there are social media sharing options: "4 Comments / Share / Tweet / Stumble / Email".



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# How many pharmacy vaccine recipients report having a PCP (CA + MI)?



Survey: July 2017

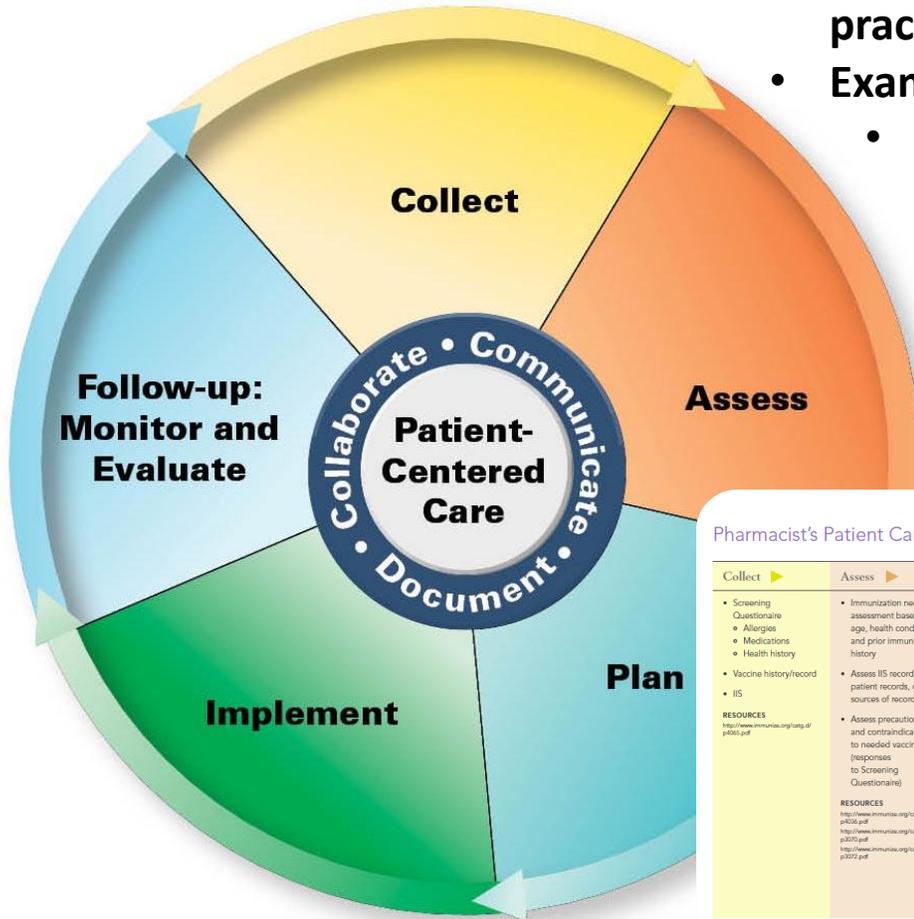
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# Pharmacists' Patient Care Process: Providing consistency for patients and health care

- Applies to all patient care services delivered by pharmacists in any practice setting
- Example –
  - Immunizations: assessing, administering, and/or referring



Pharmacist's Patient Care Process Module for Immunization Service

Collect	Assess	Plan	Implement	Follow-Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening Questionnaire                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergies</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Health history</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vaccine history/record</li> <li>• IIS</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOURCES</b>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p466.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p466.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immunization needs assessment based on age, health conditions, and prior immunization history</li> <li>• Assess IIS records, patient records, other sources of records</li> <li>• Assess precautions and contraindications to needed vaccine(s) (responses to Screening Questionnaire)</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOURCES</b>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p472.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p472.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p473.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p473.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p477.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p477.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly recommend needed vaccine(s)</li> <li>• Offer to administer vaccine or refer the patient to another healthcare provider who can/will administer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide patient education &amp; Vaccine Information Statements</li> <li>• Administer needed vaccine(s) for refer to an immunizing provider if you do not immunize or don't have authority to administer</li> <li>• Document: provide documentation to patient, patient's primary care provider (if known), and record in state IIS</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOURCES</b>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p474.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p474.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p475.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p475.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p476.pdf">http://www.immunize.org/tqg/p476.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/progmat/about.html">http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/progmat/about.html</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor patient for 15 minutes after administration of vaccination(s) for syncope or adverse reactions</li> <li>• Schedule follow-up for subsequent doses of multi-dose vaccine series</li> <li>• Refer patient for other health / wellness / or follow-up services to their identified primary care provider or another provider. (provide patient with documentation of referral)</li> </ul>



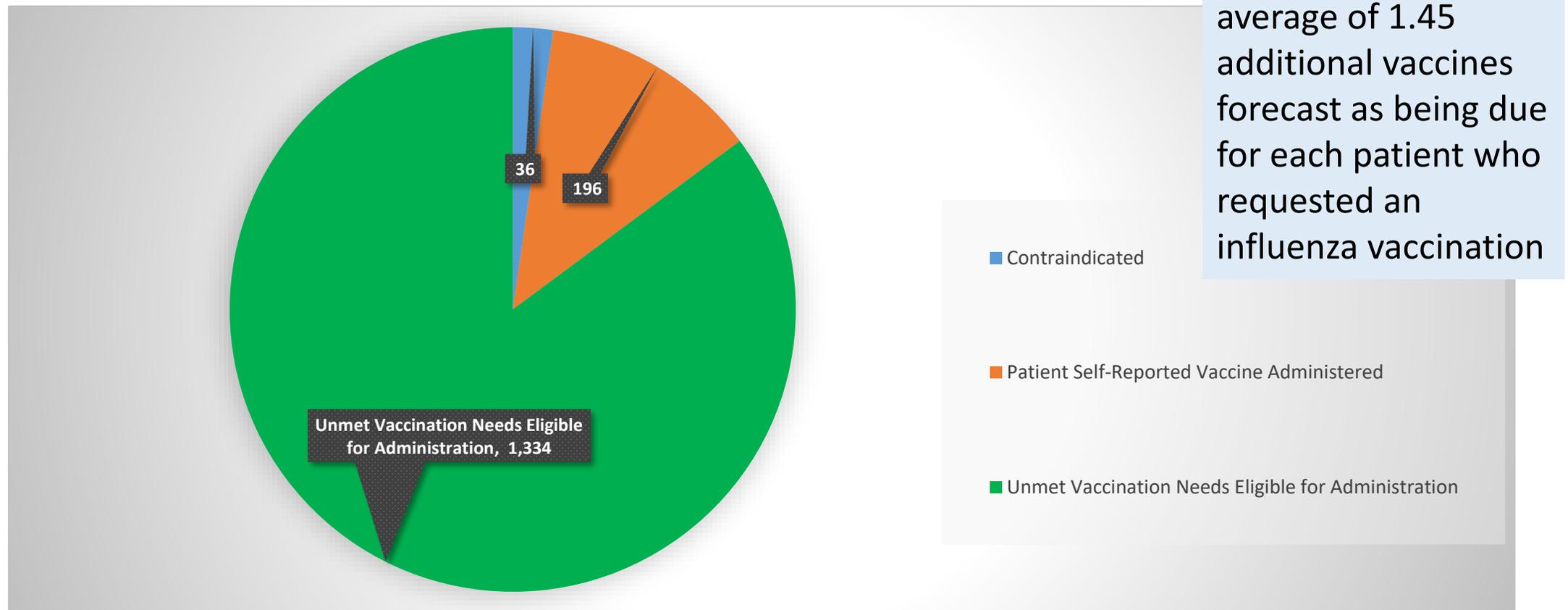
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<http://www.pharmacist.com/resource-guide-immunization-services?dfptag=imz>

# Project IMPACT Immunizations Pilot Results: Distribution of Forecasted Unmet Vaccination Needs



*Population Health Management* (available online; DOI: 10.1089/pop.2017.0049, June 2017)

## Conclusion: Project IMPACT Immunizations – *Pilot*

*With proper tools,  
pharmacists  
increase adult  
vaccination rates*

- The Project IMPACT Immunizations innovative practice model enabled pharmacists to conduct comprehensive vaccination history reviews at the point-of-care, which allowed them to:
  - Identify a significant number of unmet vaccination needs
  - Educate patients about their vaccination needs
  - Increase the number of vaccines administered
  - Improve vaccination rates for routinely recommended adult vaccinations
- **As a result of using the innovative process of care, the number of vaccines administered increased by 41.4%**
- We need to continue exploring how to successfully integrate and sustain streamlined principle-centered processes of care that allow pharmacists and other health care providers to utilize actionable point-of-care data to effectively engage and educate patients to improve vaccination rates

# Study: *Patients more likely to get the influenza shot when it's available at community pharmacy*

- Published in *Clinical Therapeutics*, conducted by Avalere and NACDS. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.clinthera.2017.07.004>
- Findings suggest:
  - pharmacies and other nontraditional settings may offer accessible venues for patients when implementing other public health initiatives.
  - state-level policy changes that permit pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations were connected with a nearly 8% rise in seasonal influenza immunization rates within 6 years after the policy changes between 2003 and 2013.
    - During this time, overall seasonal influenza immunization rates increased 25% among those surveyed.
    - Influenza immunization rates increased by age, while fewer individuals who reported access to care issues due to cost received influenza immunizations compared with those who reported no such issues (22% vs. 37%).



# Referral Tools – examples

are there components within these you can use in your system?



## Template Referral Form from Pharmacist to Physician for Adult Patient

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Referring Pharmacist: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above patient was seen our practice today. In the course of working with the patient the below item(s) were identified as needing follow-up with your practice. Feel free to contact us if you have further questions. We would appreciate receiving an update after you have seen the patient so that we can update our records and support your treatment plan.

### Reason for Referral:

<p><b>Patient needs immunization</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Influenza   <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal   <input type="checkbox"/> Tdap</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> High Dose   <input type="checkbox"/> PCV13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated   <input type="checkbox"/> PPSV23</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Live nasal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intradermal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recombinant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Zoster   <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B   <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HPV   <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal   <input type="checkbox"/> MMR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Travel : _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>Comment: _____</p>	<p><b>Patient needs an immunization follow-up</b> <i>(questions about vaccination for this patient)</i></p> <p>Comment: _____</p> <p><b>Evaluation of post-vaccination reaction</b></p> <p>Comment: _____</p>
<p><b>Patient needs wellness/screening follow-up</b> <i>Based upon the patient's age and information provided the patient may need:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eye-check-up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Colon-cancer screening</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mammogram</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prostate cancer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Skin cancer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>Comment: _____</p>	<p><b>Medication Therapy Follow-up</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blood Pressure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cholesterol</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blood Glucose</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>Comment: _____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other evaluation:</p>	

Comments from Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vaccine Report Tool

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Vaccines	Vaccines Recommended	Vaccines Administered	Vaccination reported to IIS
Influenza, standard dose, inactivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Influenza, high dose, inactivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Influenza, intradermal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Influenza, recombinant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meningococcal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (PCV13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Td (tetanus and diphtheria only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tdap (Td plus pertussis, "whooping cough")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoster (shingles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combination Hepatitis A and B vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HPV (Human papillomavirus)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Vaccine:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Referring Healthcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Administering Healthcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# Increase public understanding Communication / Documentation *engagement of providers and patients*

- Update
- Report
- Carry
- Share

Vaccine	Date of receipt	Date given next dose	Health care provider or health agency	Other notes
Polio (IPV)				
Polio (OPV)				
MMR				
MMR2				
Tdap				
Tdap (adult)				
Shingles (Zostavax)				
Shingles (Shingrix)				
Hepatitis A				
Hepatitis B				

I am a pharmacist and I am updating this record.  
 I am a health care provider and I am updating this record.  
 I am a patient and I am updating this record.  
 I am a caregiver and I am updating this record.  
 I am a family member and I am updating this record.  
 I am a friend and I am updating this record.  
 I am updating this record for someone else.

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patient Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.imz.com](http://www.imz.com) and [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

Protect **yourself**, your **family**, and your **community** by keeping your immunization record up-to-date



After **YOU** receive any immunization:

- Ask your pharmacist and other health care providers to **UPDATE** your Immunization Record Card
- Ask your pharmacist and other health care providers to **REPORT** the vaccination to the Immunization Registry
- CARRY** and **SHARE** your updated Immunization Record / Card with every member of your health care team



Receive **your** recommended immunizations.  
Have **your** immunization record updated.  
Help keep **yourself**, your **family**, and **community** healthy.

Check the CDC Immunization recommendations below!

**Recommended to All Adults**  
(During your lifetime; Talk to your healthcare provider to find out if you need these recommended vaccines)

- Flu
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Meningitis
- Human Papilloma Virus
- Chickenpox
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough (Td/Tdap)

**Recommended for Older Adults**

- Shingles (> 60 years)
- Pneumococcal (> 65 years)

**Special Recommendations**  
(People with certain health conditions may need these vaccines)

- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis A or B
- Meningitis

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# Pharmacy Computer System & IIS Survey

The following information had a **100%** reported capture rate:

Information Captured
Patient ID (previously listed as “Medicaid Number”)
Patient Name: First
Patient Name: Last
Patient Date of Birth
Patient Gender
Patient Address: Street
Patient Address: City
Patient Address: State
Patient Address: Zipcode
Patient Telephone Number
Patient Telephone Number Type (e.g., home, cell)
Vaccine Product Type Administered

**Green** = identified as required field by AIRA; **Red** = identified as required field but may be empty

survey represents **13** pharmacy computer systems and **more than 10,000** pharmacy practices.

# Pharmacy Computer System & IIS Survey

The following information had a **≥50%** reported capture rate:

Information Captured	Percentage
<b>Patient Name: Middle</b>	58%
<b>Patient Address: Country</b>	67%
Patient E-mail Address	83%
<b>Vaccination Administration Date</b>	67%
<b>Vaccine Manufacture Name</b>	83%
<b>Vaccine Lot Number</b>	58%
<b>Vaccine Expiration Date</b>	50%*
<b>Vaccine dose volume and unit</b>	75%*
<b>Vaccine Ordering Provider Name</b>	83%*

\* Additional exploration and education needed as info is collected by providers on consent/intake forms and filed or scanned but not placed in data fields

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# Continuous Learning

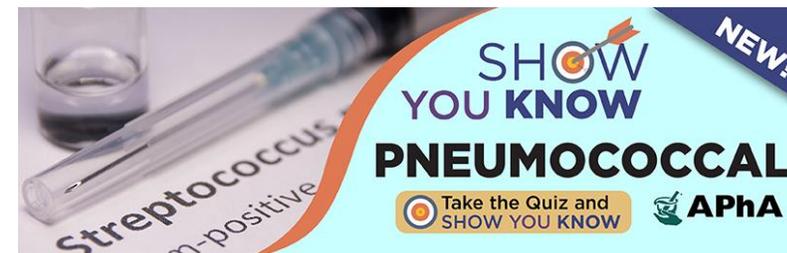
## Additional education needs

### Test Your Knowledge: Immunization Delivery

Help meet your annual immunization CE requirements.

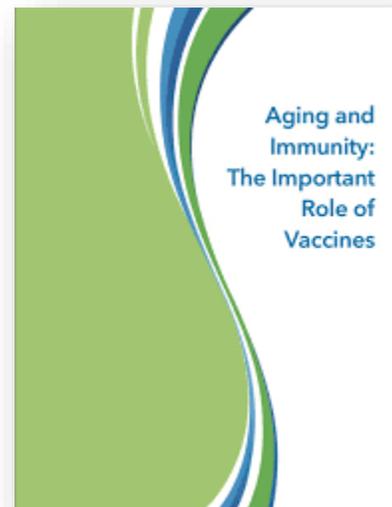


Register Today



- \* understanding of the strains that cause hospitalization and death.
  - \* knowledge of the impact of influenza on myocardial infarction risk.
  - \* difference between high dose influenza vaccine and adjuvanted vaccine.
  - \* CDC recommendation for the timing of influenza vaccination.
- + 90% of the respondents knew what Should Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA) was.
- + 75% of participants knew what immunosenescence was in regards to older adults.

- \* order and to whom to administer pneumococcal vaccines.
- \* groups who should not receive pneumococcal vaccination.



# Considerations to achieve the 3 C's

## Coordination, Collaboration, Communication

- Recommendations from recent CDC Cooperative Agreement
  - Enhance support, through **onboarding programs**, from State Public Health Departments.
  - Pharmacies need to **connect into the registry** and work with pharmacy administration, information technology staff, and other pharmacy personnel.
  - **Enhance procedures** for IISs to remove duplicate entries and streamline access.
  - Pharmacists need to continue to **provide information to primary care** providers via fax while work continues to seamlessly integrate pharmacy data systems into the EHR and IIS.
  - Pharmacists should proactively **assess a patient's immunization history**. Requirements for reporting of vaccination data should be **consistently applied** across all immunization providers.
  - Continue **educating patients** about the importance of tracking their vaccine history.
  - Further development and testing of a **referral** sheet for other healthcare providers to refer patients to a pharmacy for necessary immunizations.

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# For ALL Immunization Providers

## What You Should Know...Zoster Vaccines

A pdf of a one-page comparison chart can be downloaded at

<http://www.pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/files/2018ZosterVaccinesChartv9Final.pdf>

What You Should Know... KEY POINTS TO BE AWARE OF REGARDING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ZOSTER VACCINES

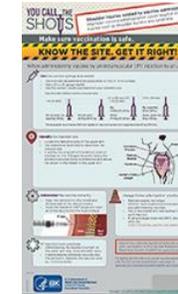
	SHINGRIX (GSK) (RZV)	ZOSTAVAX (Merck) (ZVL)
<b>Storage</b>	Refrigerator. Contains RZV and RZV2. Same both used together or separately before reconstitution. Protect from light. DO NOT FREEZE. Check if vaccine has been frozen.	Refrigerator. Contains RZV and RZV2 for gender combination use. Should be stored at room temperature. Contains RZV and RZV2. Do not freeze. Protect from light.
<b>Vaccine Type</b>	Recombinant, adjuvanted (non-live)	Live
<b>Route of administration</b>	Intramuscular (IM) - 0.5 mL dose. If subsequent (2) is not necessary to report vaccination. Shingles should be administered immediately after vaccination or stored in the refrigerator for up to six hours.	Intramuscular (IM) - 0.5 mL dose. If subsequent (2) is not necessary to report vaccination. The vaccine should be administered immediately after vaccination to maximize the effect of potency. Any unused vaccine should be discarded if not used within 30 minutes.
<b>Dose Interval</b>	2 dose series, spaced 2 to 6 months apart. Recommended period of second dose: Minimum interval for Shingles vaccination after Zosterax is 6 weeks.	Single dose
<b>Age of Patient Recommended</b>	≥50 yrs old, immunocompetent adults. For people who have had shingles or previously got Zosterax, see the vaccine user manual.	≥50 yrs old immunocompetent adults (ACIP recommendation, FDA licensure is ≥70yrs)
<b>Adjuvant</b>	Contains adjuvant that is not aluminum phosphate. Contains adjuvant.	Does not contain adjuvant. Some liquid containing egg is different than can be given to some immunocompetent. Protein-containing liquid should be avoided in severe allergic reactions.
<b>Contraindications</b>	History of severe allergic reactions to a component of the vaccine or other proteins. Risk of SJS/TEN.	History of anaphylaxis to any component of the vaccine, including eggs or gelatin. History of severe allergic reactions to any component of the vaccine.
<b>Side Effects</b>	Most people get a sore arm with mild or moderate pain after getting Shingrix, and some also had redness and swelling at the injection site. Some people felt tired, had muscle pain, a headache, dizziness, fever, muscle pain or nausea. About 1 out of 10 people experienced (Grade 1) side effects that prevented them from doing regular activities. Complications were rare but can last from 1 to 3 days. Side effects were more common in younger people. Shingles might last a week to 10 days or more after the onset of shingles, or less than. Patients may choose to take over-the-counter pain medicines such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen pain medications if symptoms occur.	Shingles can occur more frequently, be more than 12 days in duration, and be more painful than after getting Zosterax. Zosterax has been shown to cause discomfort such as redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site. Side effects were more common in younger people. Shingles might last a week to 10 days or more after the onset of shingles, or less than. Patients may choose to take over-the-counter pain medicines such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen pain medications if symptoms occur.
<b>Contraindications</b>	Severe allergic reactions to any vaccine are very rare.	Severe allergic reactions to any vaccine are very rare.

Source: CDC website (revised Feb 5, 2018). Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Shingrix (Shingles), while in pre-approval requests for further information.

New VIS Sheet Released:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/shingles-recombinant.pdf>

## Preventing Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA)



- \* Infographic: [You Call The Shots](#)
- \* Proper Vaccine Technique: [Pharmacy Today Article](#)
- \* CDC resources: [new online vaccination resources library](#) that has links to videos, job tools, reference materials, and web-based training courses.



# Rx to our nation's immunization initiative



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