

IAC's Coalitions Network (and other projects and resources of interest to adult immunization coordinators)

Coalitions network project

During the past six months, IAC has undertaken the task of building a national network of immunization coalitions. Activities:

- Conducted an analysis of the landscape of U.S. immunization coalitions and confirmed 207 coalitions via email. Still working on confirming the viability of about 50 other coalitions.
- Collected contact information for leaders each of these coalitions.
- Identified more than 135 immunization coalitions in 42 states that have their own websites. We have placed links for all of them on IAC's Directory of Immunization Resources web section at www.immunize.org/resources/coalitions-websites.asp so these coalitions will be able to locate each other and learn from each other's programs.
- Implemented an email discussion group for coalition leaders where immunization policy issues and other matters of interest to coalitions are discussed. Currently there are 167 members of the listserv.
- Implemented periodic conference phone calls for coalition leaders to discuss topics of interest and learn from national and state experts on current issues. Topics have included new ACIP recommendations, the National Influenza Vaccine Summit and influenza resources from CDC and IAC, the National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions in May 2012, and more. Currently, we have 461 coalition leaders on our mailing list for such opportunities. Starting in September, we began mailing out minutes after the meeting to provide valuable information and resources to people who weren't able to be on the call.
- Used the coalition mailing list to send out important announcements such as a message from the Office of Minority Health, HHS.
- Maintain a national database of immunization coalitions at www.izcoalitions.org where more than 190 immunization coalitions have posted information about their coalition's work. This website was started years ago (before the current project) and not all the information is up to date.

During the upcoming months, IAC will

- Continue to offer educational opportunities to coalition leaders, such as conference calls with national experts every 6-8 weeks.
- Update our izcoalitions.org website with new information from this project, making it a more comprehensive resource.
- Distribute a survey to every verified immunization coalition to learn more about them, including their contact information, their leadership, number of members, specific interest areas and activities, and to ascertain the coalitions' needs and how IAC might be able to help them.

Take-away message:

If you would like to be added to the coalition discussion listserv, email me at tanderson@immunize.org. Likewise, email me if you would just like to be added to our mailing list for immunization coalition announcements about conference calls and other opportunities.

Other projects and resources of interest to adult immunization coordinators

Publications

Needle Tips* and *Vaccinate Adults

These publications are now published 4x/year in electronic form only. You can either download the entire issue in ready-to-print (PDF) format or read the pages online, which has the advantage of providing live links to references. *Vaccinate Adults* is targeted to adult providers, such internal medicine specialists, cardiologists, pulmonologists, infectious disease specialists, occupational medicine specialists, nephrologists, and geriatricians.

<http://www.immunize.org/nt>

<http://www.immunize.org/va>

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IAC Express

IACX provides up-to-date information about new ACIP and AAP vaccine recommendations, new FDA vaccine approvals, newly released VISs and translations, new immunization resources from IAC and other organizations, continuing education opportunities and conferences, and more.

This is the best way to stay current on everything in the immunization world. Please subscribe and encourage the providers in your jurisdiction to subscribe!

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To view current and past issues: <http://www.immunize.org/express>

Websites

www.immunize.org

Launched in 1994, and just redesigned a few months ago, this website serves over 12,000 visitors a day. Of special interest:

- Handouts for patients and healthcare professionals: <http://www.immunize.org/handouts>
- "Ask the Experts" with Q&As from CDC immunization experts: <http://www.immunize.org/askexperts>

www.vaccineinformation.org

This website for patients, parents, providers, and the media presents straightforward information about vaccine-preventable diseases and their vaccines. Launched in August 2002, it currently serves about 8,000 visitors per day.

Handouts of special interest to adult patients and their providers

For healthcare professionals

Summary of Recommendations for Adult Immunization

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2011.pdf>

This is a 'cheat sheet' that includes indications for vaccination, recommended schedule and minimum intervals, and contraindications and precautions.

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2017.pdf>

Administering Vaccines to Adults: Dose, Route, Site, Needle Size, and Preparation

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3084.pdf>

Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines in Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3072.pdf>

How to Administer IM and SC Vaccine Injections to Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2020a.pdf>

Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions in Adult Patients

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3082.pdf>

Vaccine Administration Record for Adults

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2023.pdf>

Screening Questionnaire for Adult Immunization

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065.pdf>

We also have this screening questionnaire in translation, plus specific screening questionnaires for influenza and hepatitis vaccination at <http://www.immunize.org/handouts/screening-vaccines.asp>.

Sample standing orders for all routine vaccines can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/standing-orders>

You can order free laminated provider pocket guides for influenza and PPSV vaccination at <http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides>

For patients

Vaccinations for Adults... You're NEVER too old to get immunized!

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030.pdf>

VISs in English and up to 40 languages: <http://www.immunize.org/vis>