

CT-DPH and CTAAP 2010 Teleconference Program

The Connecticut Department of Public Health and
The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
The Connecticut Infectious Disease Society

Health Care Worker Vaccination

Continuing Medical Education Program
Tuesday, September 21st 12:10 – 1:00PM

What percentage of health care workers typically receives an influenza vaccination each year?

A) 5% B) 30% C) 60%?

Surprisingly the answer is B – only 30% of health care workers receive an annual influenza vaccination. Because of their contact with patients, health care workers including physicians, nurses, emergency medical personnel, dental professionals and students, medical and nursing students, laboratory technicians, hospital volunteers and administrative staff are all at risk for exposure to and possible transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases. The CDC strongly recommends that all health care workers be vaccinated against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and influenza. Despite these recommendations influenza immunization rates among health care workers remain low.

Our presenters for this teleconference will provide information about the vaccines that all health care workers should receive, the consequences of low health care worker immunization coverage, and proven strategies to increase health care worker vaccination rates in your own office or facility. Included in the presentations will be issues related to mandatory vaccination efforts.

Participants will be able to:

- List the vaccines that health care workers should receive to protect themselves and their patients;
- Describe the consequences of low health care workers immunization rates;
- Describe challenges to vaccinating health care workers;
- Describes strategies used to improve immunization rates in health care workers.

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For a registration form or more information go to ct-aap.org, telephone 860-977-3430 or e-mail tracey.ctaap@gmail.com.

CME Credits for Physicians

- CME Credit has been applied for at Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk Hospital is accredited by the CT Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. Norwalk Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for 1 credit hour in Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition award of the AMA.

Continuing Education Requirements for Nurses

- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) will accept documentation of participation in the teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements toward recertification.
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will accept documentation of participation in this teleconference as meeting continuing education requirements for certified nurses. The credit hours will transfer equally. CTAAP will provide verification of participation in letter form to the nurse. Nurses must submit the proper paperwork to the ANCC for approval.