

Figure. Summary of 2013 National Vaccine Advisory Committee's standards for adult immunization practices

| <i>Audience</i> | <i>Summary of standards</i> |
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| All providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate immunization needs assessment into every clinical encounter. • Strongly recommend needed vaccine(s) and either administer vaccine(s) or refer patient to a provider who can immunize. • Stay up-to-date on, and educate patients about, vaccine recommendations. • Implement systems to incorporate vaccine assessment into routine clinical care. • Understand how to access immunization information systems (i.e., immunization registries). |
| Non-immunizing providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely assess the immunization status of patients, recommend needed vaccine(s), and refer patient to an immunizing provider. • Establish referral relationships with immunizing providers. • Follow up to confirm patient receipt of recommended vaccine(s). |
| Immunizing providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure professional competencies in immunizations. • Assess immunization status in every patient care and counseling encounter and strongly recommend needed vaccine(s). • Ensure that receipt of vaccination is documented in patient medical record and immunization registry. |
| Professional health-care-related organizations/associations/health-care systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide immunization education and training of members, including trainees. • Provide resources and assistance to implement protocols and other systems to incorporate vaccine needs assessment and vaccination or referral into routine practice. • Encourage members to be up-to-date on their own immunizations. • Assist members in staying up-to-date on immunization information and recommendations. • Partner with other immunization stakeholders to educate the public. • Seek out collaboration opportunities with other immunization stakeholders. • Collect and share best practices for immunization. • Advocate policies that support adult immunization standards. • Insurers/payers/entities that cover adult immunization services should assure their network is adequate to provide timely immunization access and augment with additional vaccine providers if necessary. |
| Public health departments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine community needs, vaccination capacity, and barriers to adult immunization. • Provide access to all ACIP-recommended vaccinations for insured and uninsured adults and work toward becoming an in-network provider for immunization services for insured adults. • Partner with immunization stakeholders and support activities and policies to improve awareness of adult vaccine recommendations, increase vaccination rates, and reduce barriers. • Ensure professional competencies in immunizations. • Collect, analyze, and disseminate immunization data. • Provide outreach and education to providers and the public. • Work to decrease disparities in immunization coverage and access. • Increase immunization registry access and use by vaccine providers for adult patients. • Develop capacity to bill for immunization of injured people. • Ensure preparedness for identifying and responding to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. • Promote adherence to applicable laws, regulations, and standards among adult immunization stakeholders. |

ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices