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ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS

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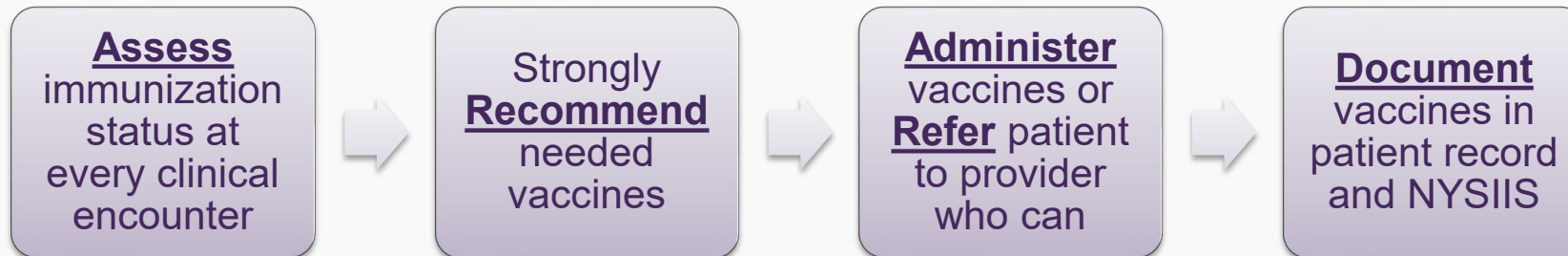
Overview



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STANDARDS FOR ADULT IMMUNIZATION PRACTICE

1. Why are the Standards needed:
 - a) Adult immunization rates are extremely low
 - b) Most adults know that vaccines are important, but do not know that there are several that may be right for them.
2. National Vaccine Advisory Committee developed Standards for Adult Immunization Practice
3. These standards are:



ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS: PURPOSE

1. Facilitate immunization strategies in an effort to increase adult immunization rates by:
 - a) Establishing or reaffirming the local health department as an immunization resource for immunization providers in your communities
 - b) Reviewing provider's current immunization practices
 - c) Utilizing standards and evidence-based strategies to develop a plan to increase adult immunization rates
 - d) Providing resources to assist the provider with the implementation of these strategies
 - e) Following up to assess progress, identify barriers, and offer further support

ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS: PROCESS

1. Identify providers in your county who offer adult immunizations
2. Before visit:
 - a) Run NYSIIS report for the provider
 - b) Set up an appointment
3. During the visit:
 - a) Use the “Initial Visit” form as a guide
 - i. Standards are used to determine current practices and strategies for improvement
 - ii. Develop Action Plan
 - iii. Schedule follow up



ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS: FOLLOW-UP

1. May be in person or via phone
2. Run updated NYSIIS report
3. Use “Follow-Up Visit” form as a guide
4. Review Action Plan and determine what strategies were implemented
5. Were immunizations entered into NYSIIS?
6. Identify any barriers
7. Offer further assistance as needed
8. Document visits on quarterly report

GROUP ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS

1. Background
2. Requirements are the same as onsite visits
3. Need to be interactive, not presentation only
4. Follow up visit should be conducted onsite
5. Include in quarterly documentation that visit was conducted in group setting

ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROVIDER VISITS

Standards

- **Assess** immunization status at every clinical encounter
- Strongly **Recommend** vaccines that the patient needs
- **Administer** needed vaccines or **Refer** patients to a vaccination provider
- **Document** vaccines received by the patient

Initial Visit

- Review NYSIIS report for the practice
- Present standards for adult immunization practice
- Review provider's current adult immunization practices
- Recommend strategies to improve immunization rates
- Develop an action plan

Follow-up Visit

- Review follow-up NYSIIS report for the practice
- Evaluate strategies implemented
- Identify any barriers encountered
- Provide resources or technical assistance as needed



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RESOURCES FOR YOU

1. Adult Immunization Provider Visits guidance document
2. Group visits guidance document
3. Initial visit form
4. Follow-up visit form
5. Provider letter from NYSDOH
6. Provider Questionnaire

Adult Immunization Toolkit



About Our New, Online, Adult Immunization Toolkit

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Vaccines and Immunization

Vaccines are one of the great public health achievements. Thanks to vaccines, serious and often fatal diseases like polio, that were once common, are now only distant memories for most Americans.

Vaccines are the safest way to protect you, your children and your community from a long list of serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses. Vaccines protect you by preparing your immune system to recognize and fight serious, and sometimes deadly, diseases including:

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Diphtheria](#)
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To get started follow these simple steps.

1

Scan.

Scan the QR code or visit for more information
health.ny.gov/AdultImmToolkit



2

Explore.

Click on the section relevant to your needs.
It is easy to use.



3

Bookmark.

Bookmark for easy reference: health.ny.gov/AdultImmToolkit.
Share it with your colleagues. Do you have recommendations
or questions? Let us know at immunize@healthy.ny.gov

We appreciate your input in making this your go-to resource.
Thank you for visiting New York State Department of Health's Online Adult Immunization Toolkit.



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- Available on Vaccinate NY website:
<https://www.albany.edu/cphce/vaccinate-ny>
 - Vaccine Communication Toolkit:
<https://www.albany.edu/cphce/vaccine-communication-toolkit#tab-toolkit-instructions>
 - Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence:
<https://www.albany.edu/cphce/promoting-covid-vaccine-confidence>



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RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS IF A PHYSICAL TOOLKIT IS NEEDED

1) Adult immunization resource guide	4) NYSIIS fact sheet
2) Standards for adult immunization practice	5) Patient questionnaire
3) Vaccine recommendation	6) CDC adult immunization schedule



Frequently Asked Questions

HOW MANY VISITS ARE REQUIRED PER YEAR?

- 4 visits per county per contract year
- However, we understand that some counties may not have the population to support this requirement and/or may have extensive barriers to reaching this goal.
 - Please be in contact with your Regional Office if you foresee significant barriers to conducting 4 visits within the contract year.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A PROVIDER DOES NOT HAVE ANY PATIENTS ENTERED INTO NYSIIS?

1. Short answer: nothing
2. However, if a provider has a low percentage of their patients entered into NYSIIS, this is a provider that you would want to visit, and NYSIIS should be one of your talking points and a goal on the Action Plan (if at all feasible for the provider).
3. There are no penalties connected with these visits which includes use (or non-use) of NYSIIS by the provider

WHAT NEEDS TO BE IN THE EMR FOR ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS TO TRANSFER TO NYSIIS?

1. EMR must have a place to check that consent was obtained
2. Most EMRs now communicate with NYSIIS
3. If provider does not know if EMR communicates with NYSIIS:
 - a. Is the provider in NYSIIS? If not, they may need to be added to NYSIIS
 - b. Is the provider part of a bigger network? If so, they should call the IT department and speak with the person who handles NYSIIS related issues.
 - c. If they are not part of a bigger network, they can call or email NYSIIS to find out if their EMR communicates with NYSIIS:
 - i. NYSIIS Help Line: 1-866-389-0371
 - ii. NYSIIS Main Number: (518) 473-2839
 - iii. NYSIIS Email: nysiis@health.ny.gov



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING NYSIIS?

1. Avoiding double immunization (e.g. Pharmacy gives a flu shot, provider unaware and gives it again)
2. Record that can be easily accessed for patient information
3. Can be used to track vaccination levels of the practice and run reports
4. Can be used to create reminder recalls
5. Immunity history can also be entered into NYSIIS

Questions?



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