Specialty Societies Advancing Adult Immunization (SSAAI)

New Opportunities to Advance Immunization Equity and Reduce Hesitancy in Specialty Settings
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- 2021 CDC award to CMSS: $55.5M/5 years (estimated)
- Promoting implementation of CDC’s Standards of Adult Immunization Practice (SAIP) for high-risk adults
- Seven specialty society partners are updating guidelines and education to align to SAIP and engaging 50-70 health system partners in quality improvement projects to improve implementation of SAIP
Supplemental Award

• In September 2022, CDC made a supplemental award that offers new opportunities to promote equity and reduce hesitancy:

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  • Workflow assessments in five health systems with diverse patient populations to map and identify roadblocks in clinician and system workflow that limit incorporating adult immunization standards into specialty practice

  • Focus groups and surveys among providers and diverse patient groups with an emphasis on issues related to disparities and vaccine hesitancy
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• Convene clinician leadership to explore barriers to workflow and specialist attitudes about engaging in adult vaccination

• Develop educational and communications tools for CMSS member societies to promote immunization among specialty provider

• Focus groups on provider perceptions about incorporating immunization into specialty practice