

Standards for Adult Immunization Practices

Your patients have probably not received all the vaccines they need. They may not even realize that they need vaccines. They will listen to their healthcare providers' recommendations. You can make a difference.

1 ASSESS EVERY patient at EVERY visit for EVERY vaccine.

Implement protocols in your office to ensure that patients' vaccine needs are assessed, regardless of initial reason for the visit. Use the state registry (GRITS) as a tool for assessment.

Develop a recall and reminder system to identify and notify those who are due for immunizations.

2 Strongly RECOMMEND vaccines that your patients need.

Answer their questions and concerns with clear, understandable language.

Provide personalized reasons for being vaccinated (e.g. a new grand baby; a specific health condition)

3 ADMINISTER needed vaccines

Keep an adequate supply of vaccines stocked to assure patients don't leave without being vaccinated. Patients may not be able to or motivated to go elsewhere for vaccines.

Or **REFER**

If you do not have the vaccine in stock, refer to a nearby vaccination provider.

Consider developing a relationship with a nearby vaccine provider for improved communication.

And **FOLLOW UP** TO ENSURE THEY RECEIVED THE VACCINE.

4 DOCUMENT

Add all known or provided immunizations into the state Immunization Information System for all patients, regardless of age. Document doses in any other required system(s).